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U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE,
Washington, DC, January 2, 1987.

Hon. THOMAS P. O'NEILL, Jr.,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to Rule XI, Clause 1(d), I herewith submit to the House a report on the activities of the Committee on Agriculture during the 99th Congress.

Sincerely,

E (KIKA) DE LA GARZA, *Chairman.*

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REPORT

In accordance with Rule XI, clause 1(d) of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Agriculture reports herewith on its activities during the 99th Congress.

I. SUMMARY OF ORGANIZATION AND JURISDICTION OF THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

A. ORGANIZATION

In the 99th Congress, the total authorized membership of the Committee on Agriculture was established by the House at 43, with a party division of 26 Democrats and 17 Republicans. Among the Committee Members were four Congressmen (Messrs. Bruce, Stallings, Combest, and Schuette) who were serving their first terms. The Committee was organized into eight subcommittees, four of which were assigned to jurisdiction over major agricultural commodities and four of which dealt with various agricultural operations. The eight subcommittees were constituted as follows:

SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

COMMODITY SUBCOMMITTEES

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E. (KIKA) DE LA GARZA, Chairman, and EDWARD R. MADIGAN, Ranking Minority Member, were ex officio members of all Subcommittees.

B. COMMITTEE JURISDICTION

Under rules adopted by the House of Representatives for the 99th Congress, the Committee on Agriculture's jurisdiction extended to—

(1) Adulteration of seeds, insect pests, and protection of birds and animals in forest reserves.
(2) Agriculture generally.
(3) Agricultural and industrial chemistry.
(4) Agricultural colleges and experiment stations.
(5) Agricultural economics and research.
(6) Agricultural education extension services.
(7) Agricultural production and marketing and stabilization of prices of agricultural products, and commodities (not including distribution outside of the United States).

(8) Animal industry and diseases of animals.
(9) Crop insurance and soil conservation.
(10) Dairy industry.
(11) Entomology and plant quarantine.
(12) Extension of farm credit and farm security.
(13) Forestry in general, and forest reserves other than those created from the public domain.
(14) Human nutrition and home economics.
(15) Inspection of livestock and meat products.
(16) Plant industry, soils, and agricultural engineering.
(17) Rural electrification.
(18) Commodities exchanges.
(19) Rural development.

The Revised Edition of the Rules and Manual of the House of Representatives for the 99th Congress (House Document No. 98-277) provides the following concerning the Committee on Agriculture:[1]

This committee was established in 1820 (IV, 4149). The jurisdiction as defined in the rule was made effective Janaury 2, 1947, as a part of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 (60 Stat. 812), and was altered (par. 7) in the 93rd Congress effective Jan. 3, 1975 (H. Res. 988, p. 34470), to give the committee jurisdiction over agricultural commodities (including the Commodity Credit Corporation) but to transfer jurisdiction over foreign distribution and nondomestic production of commodities to the Committee on Foreign Affairs (cl. 1(h)(15), Rule X). Paragraphs (18 and (19) were added to the rule as part of the rules change effective Jan. 3, 1975, to reflect jurisdiction over subjects already within the committee's cognizance. In 1880 the subject of forestry was added to its jurisdiction, and at the same time the authority to receive the estimates and report appropriations was conferred (IV, 4149), but on July 1, 1920, authority to report appropriations for the Department of Agriculture was transferred to the Committee on Appropriations (VII, 1860).

It has had jurisdication of bills for establishing and regulating the Department of Agriculture (IV, 4150), for inspection of livestock and meat products, regulation of animal industry, diseases of animals (IV, 4154; VII, 1862), adulteration of seeds, insect pests, protection of birds and animals in forest reserves (IV, 4157; VII, 1870), the improvement of the breed of horses, even with the cavalry service in view (IV, 4158; VII, 1865).

The committee, having in charge the general subject of forestry, has reported bills relating to timber, and forest reserves other than those created from the public domain (IV, 4160).

It has also exercised jurisdiction of bills relating to agricultural colleges and experiment stations (IV, 4152), incorporation of agricultural societies (IV, 4152), establishment of a highway commission (IV, 4153), to discourage fictitious and gambling transactions in farm products (IV, 4161; VII, 1861), and to regulate the transportation, sale and handling of dogs and cats intended for use in research and the licensing of animal research facilities (July 29, 1985, p. 18691).

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[1] References are to the volume and section of Hinds' (volumes I-V, e.g., IV, 500) and Cannon's (volumes VI-VIII, e.g. VI, 400) Precedents of the House of Representatives, and to the Congressional Record by date and page (e.g. January 3, 1953, p. 500).

The committee has, by direct action of the House, secured jurisdiction of bills imposing and internal-revenue tax on oleomargarine (IV, 4156), and has also had a general, but not exclusive jurisdiction of bills relating to imitation dairy products, manufacture of land, etc. (IV, 4156; VII, 1869), and tax on cotton and grain futures (65th Cong.) But this jurisdiction of revenue matters is exceptional (IV, 4155).

The House referred the President's message dealing with the refinancing the farm-mortgage indebtedness to the committee thus conferring jurisdiction (Apr. 4, 1933, p. 1209).

The committee has exclusive jurisdiction over a bill relating solely to executive level positions in the Department of Agriculture (Mar. 2, 1976, p. 4958) and has jurisdiction over bills to develop land and water conservation programs on private and non-Federal lands (June 7, 1976, p. 16768).

Some of the specific areas in which the Committee on Agriculture exercises its jurisdiction or that have been created for the Committee by historical reference include:

(1) Public Law 480, Eighty-third Congress, as amended (except for distribution of commodities outside the United States), the restoration, expansion, and development of foreign markets for United States agricultural products; and the effect of the European Common Market and other regional economic agreements and commodity marketing and pricing systems on United States agriculture.

(2) All matters relating to the establishment and development of an effective Foreign Agricultural Service.

(3) Matters relating to rural development, including rural telephone companies, farm credit banks, nonfarm rural housing loans, rural water supply, rural flood control and water pollution control programs, and loans for rural firehouses, community centers, and businesses.

(4) Production and use of energy from agricultural and forestry resources.

(5) Matters relating to the development, use, and administration of the National Forests, including, but not limited to, development of a sound program for general public use of the National Forests consistent with watershed protection and sustained-yield timber management, and study of the forest fire prevention and control policies and activities of the Forest Service and their relation to coordinated activities of other Federal, State, and private agencies.

(6) Price spreads of agricultural commodities between producers and consumers.

(7) The formulation and development of improved programs for agricultural commodities; matters relating to the inspection, grading, and marketing of such commodities; and food safety generally.

(8) Matters relating to trading in futures contracts for all commodities and similar instruments, including commodity options and commodity leverage contracts.

(9) The administration and operation of agricultural programs through State and county committees and the adminis-

trative policies and procedures relating to the selection, election, and operation of such committees.

(10) The administration and development of small watershed programs under Public Law 566, Eighty-third Congress, as amended; and the development of resource conservation and development programs for rural areas.

(11) Programs of food assistance or distribution supported in whole or in part by funds of the Department of Agriculture, including but not limited to the food stamp program and the commodity distribution program.

(12) Aquaculture programs of the Department of Agriculture.

(13) Sugar legislation, including import control programs that stabilize domestic prices.

(14) All matters relating to pesticides, the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act as amended, and the Federal Environmental Pesticide Control Act of 1972.

(15) All matters relating to the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act.

(16) Legislation relating to the control of the entry into the United States of temporary nonresident aliens for employment in agricultural production.

(17) Legislation relating to the general operations and the Organic Act of the Department of Agriculture, the Commodity Credit Corporation, the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Farm Credit Administration, and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

The Committee also reviews and studies, on a continuing basis, the current and prospective application, administration, execution, and effectiveness of those laws, or parts of laws, the subject matter of which is within the jurisdiction of the Committee, and the organization and operation of the Federal agencies and entities having responsibilities in or for the administration and execution thereof. In addition, the Committee, along with other standing Committees of the House, has the function of reviewing and studying on a continuing basis the effect or probable effect of tax and other fiscal and monetary policies affecting subjects within the jurisdiction.

II. Committee Activities During the 99th Congress

A. MAIN LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

Introduction

The Committee on Agriculture reported a variety of bills in the 99th Congress that covered the full range of its jurisdictional interests. Its principal efforts in the first session of the 99th Congress were devoted to the "farm bill" process, that is, revising and updating the basic laws that authorize the commodity, nutrition, research, trade, credit, and conservation programs of the Department of Agriculture. At all times, it was the principal goal of the Committee to provide legislative solutions to the problems of the beleaguered farm economy.

When the Committee worked on this matter in 1985, net farm income was depressed in most parts of the country. Farm exports were falling rapidly. Farm prices on many of the basic commodities were at perilously low levels. Land values remained low. Farmers

in many sections of the country were debt-ridden and unable to obtain sufficient income from farming to repay their outstanding debts, let alone obtain credit to finance a new crop. At the same time, Congress was faced by the problems of an increasing budget deficit.

The Committee took comprehensive action to deal responsibly with these and related issues, which action was successful and resulted in the enactment of farm bill legislation—The Food Security Act of 1985—designed to turn the agricultural economy around. The effects of that legislation are just beginning to be felt.

Also, the Committee on Agriculture had the responsibility during the 99th Congress of reporting legislation to reauthorize appropriations for the futures regulatory program under the Commodity Exchange Act and the pesticide regulatory program under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act. Among the other major issues facing the Committee in 1985 and 1986 were: the need to improve the pesticide registration process, trade revitalization, immigration reform, the financial crises being faced by the Farm Credit System, and budget reconciliation. As with the farm bill legislation, the Committee acted in a timely manner to address these and the numerous other issues that arose during the course of the 99th Congress. The Committee, for the most part, was able to see legislation dealing with these matters become law. In other cases, no legislation was enacted because of the failure of the Senate to consider House-passed bills. In addition, the President vetoed a measure to provide emergency farm credit.

Major agricultural, food, and related actions of the Committee on Agriculture and Congress during the 99th Congress included:

The 1985 Farm Bill

Public Law 99–198, the Food Security Act of 1985, provided that, for the five crop years beginning with 1986, market prices of major crops including wheat, corn, cotton, and rice would be made more competitive by linking commodity price support loan rates more closely to export conditions, and by providing new market expansion programs. At the same time, the actual return per bushel or pound to farmers who cooperate with surplus reduction programs was to be protected by retaining a system of payments to cover the gap between market (or price support loan rate) levels and the target prices set in the law. Wheat and feed grain target prices were frozen at the 1985 level for the 1986 and 1987 crops, but may be phased down moderately from 1988 through 1990. Cotton and rice target prices were frozen only for the 1986 crop with the phase-down authority scheduled to start in 1987.

The legislation also included:

—A dairy program with reduced support levels after 1986 and a temporary herd disposal program, partly financed by farmers, to reduce surpluses. Further, the bill continued the soybean loan program with discretionary authority to make small reductions in loan rates to meet world competition; extended wool and sugar programs with few changes and with a directive to operate the sugar program at no cost to the Government; extended the peanut program with no major change; and revised the honey program by reducing support levels.

—Conservation programs including a long-term Conservation Reserve to shift 40–50 million acres of fragile cropland to less intensive use; a "sodbuster" program to discourage shifting fragile grassland into crop use; and a "swampbuster" program to discourage future draining of wetlands for crop use.

—Trade expansion programs including the use of surplus crops as export bonus payments to expand markets abroad; and expansion of Food for Peace and related programs. The Department of Agriculture was directed to make available not less than $5 billion annually in short-term export credit guarantees through 1990 and $2 billion (revised in later legislation to $1 billion) in export bonus assistance for the three years ending in 1988.

—Cargo preference law revisions that will serve to facilitate U.S. shipping of food exports.

—Credit and rural development provisions including authority for a Government-private lender program of interest rate relief for some holders of Farmers Home Administration guaranteed farm loans, and new rules for handling land acquired by the Department of Agriculture in loan foreclosures.

—Extension of domestic food assistance programs, including the food stamp program, with modest restoration of some past benefit cuts for the needy.

—Extension of agricultural research authority with some new research priority guidelines; new protection for animals in research facilities; and steps to ensure the availability of leaded fuel for old farm engines until at least the end of 1987.

—Provisions relating to the marketing of agricultural commodities, including protection of buyers of farm products from double payment, mandatory promotion programs for beef and pork and an optional program for watermelons, increased penalties for violations of marketing orders, and new inspection and labeling requirements for poultry and meat imports.

Adjustments to the 1985 Farm Bill

In February and March 1986, several adjustments were made to the programs adopted in the Food Security Act of 1985.

Public Law 99–260 required that the 1986 reduction in dairy program costs required by deficit reduction legislation be achieved by a small increase in farmer assessments rather than a large cut in the price support level.

Floors were established for 1986 and 1987 on any cuts in farm program yields (used in calculating income support payments to grain, cotton, and rice producers) that might result in individual cases from a new yield formula in the 1985 law.

Producers of dry beans and other non-supported crops were protected from a possible expansion in production of those commodities on acreage taken out of program crop production through acreage reduction programs.

Wheat and feed grain producers were authorized to graze or harvest hay during at least five principal growing-season months on acreage held out of 1986 grain production to satisfy acreage reduction requirements.

The Secretary of Agriculture was given discretionary authority to use $30 million (raised by exporting surplus commodities) to finance research and development on external combustion engines that use non-petroleum fuel.

The sense of Congress was expressed that the Secretary of Agriculture should use existing discretionary authority to make avance commodity support loans to producers of any crops for which ordinary post-harvest loans are available.

Public Law 99-253 made it clear that use of so-called "limited cross-compliance" rules would be at the discretion of the Secretary of Agriculture for producers of wheat and feed grains. Under limited cross-compliance, a producer who wants to be eligible for support on his primary crop must keep acreage on other controlled crops within the bases for those crops on his farm.

In July 1986, as part of an urgent supplemental appropriation Act, Public Law 99-349, Congress provided special deficiency payments for producers of wheat, feed grains, upland cotton, and rice who were unable to plant their intended 1986 crop acreage because of floods, heavy rains, or drought in designated disaster areas. The special payments were based on 40 percent of the projected 1986 deficiency payment rates.

In October 1986, Congress added several other amendments to the programs provided by the Food Security Act of 1985. These included:

—A ceiling of $250,000 on direct Federal payments and similar benefits to individual producers under the programs for wheat, feed grains, cotton, rice, and honey. The new limitation does not apply to price support loans except in the case of honey. The legislation also gave the Secretary of Agriculture discretionary authority to raise the payment ceiling if the limit results in keeping farmers from participating in surplus-reduction programs or depresses market prices. (The limitation was included in the Continuing Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 1987, Public Law 99-500.)

—A directive to the Secretary of Agriculture to make advance deficiency payments to farmers who enroll in 1987 commodity programs for wheat, feed grains, cotton, and rice. The payments must be at least 40 percent of the estimated amount likely to be due for grain farmers and at least 30 percent for cotton and rice producers. (The provision was included in the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986, Public Law 99-509.)

—A provision (adopted as part of Public Law 99-641, the Futures Trading Act of 1986) that would have the effect of speeding the delivery to wheat farmers of a portion of their post-harvest income deficiency payments. The provision calls for basing the payments involved on a five-month market price average rather than a 12-month average.

—Public Law 99-641 also established that certain land used for alfalfa and other grass crops in approved rotations is eligible for inclusion in the Conservation Reserve Program created by the 1985 farm bill. The legislation prohibited the use of cross-compliance requirements for extra-long staple cotton until the 1989 crop year.

Disaster Assistance

Following House passage in August 1986 of a bill (H.R. 5288) to provide aid for farmers hit by drought and other disasters, the Senate took no action on the measure but included a narrower assistance plan in the 1987 Continuing Appropriations Act, which was enacted into law (Public Law 99-500). The program, as enacted, authorized $400 million in payments, to be made in the form of negotiable commodity certificates, to producers of major program crops including grains, cotton, rice, soybeans, sugar crops, and peanuts, and also to producers of non-supported crops. Aid is to be made available to farmers who suffered crop losses due to drought, excess moisture, or similar disasters and whose losses exceeded 50 percent of normal yields. The legislation also directed the Secretary of Agriculture to seek to aid disaster-stricken farmers by allowing refinancing of their Farmers Home Administration debts at the lowest available interest rate and by providing loans for 1987 crop production.

Farm Credit

Two major pieces of legislation designed to help the cooperative, borrower-owned Farm Credit System cope with the heavy losses many of its units have suffered were enacted by the 99th Congress:

—In December 1985, Congress passed S. 1884 (Public Law 99-205) giving the System broader authority to use its own resources to shore up weak System units and reshaping the Farm Credit Administration, an independent Federal agency, to allow it to function as a stronger, arm's length regulator of the System. The bill also authorized direct Government financial aid to the Farm Credit System if it first makes a maximum self-help effort and if Government officials then request and get specific appropriations for the purpose from Congress.

—In October 1986, Congress passed (as part of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986, Public Law 99-509) legislation under which System banks could, subject to Farm Credit Administration approval, adopt accounting practices allowing them to stretch out over up to 20 years the cost of making up for excess loan losses and high interest rates on bonds sold by the System to private investors in earlier years. Sponsors indicated these steps could delay any need to request direct Federal help for the System. The bill also gave the System broader authority to set interest rates at competitive levels for its farmer member-borrowers.

In another credit action, Congress adopted in April 1986, as part of the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (Public Law 99-222), a provision making agricultural enterprises ineligible for Small Business Administration disaster loans. The same law provided that agricultural enterprises with sales up to $500,000 a year will be eligible for other SBA credit (in place of an earlier $100,000 eligibility standard).

Also, Congress passed in October 1986, as part of the Continuing Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 1987 (Public Law 99-500), a ban on the use of private collection agencies by the Farmers Home Administration. And as part of the Futures Trading Act of 1986 (Public Law 99-641), Congress adopted in October 1986 a provision

directing the General Accounting Office to study marketing practices used by Farmers Home Administration loan applicants and borrowers. The study is to include an examination of the marketing channels used by these farmers and the extent to which they use advanced marketing techniques. The Secretary of Agriculture was provided with discretionary authority to provide marketing training—including training in the use of futures and options markets—to the affected products.

The House of Representatives on February 26, 1985, passed H.R. 1096, a bill to provide for African famine relief. On February 27, 1985, the House passed H.R. 1035, the Farm Emergency Credit Act of 1985. In amending and passing H.R. 1096 on February 27, 1985, the Senate added titles II and III, which contained provisions similar to H.R. 1035. The House, on March 5, 1985, approved the Senate amendments to H.R. 1096. President Reagan vetoed the bill on March 7, 1985 (the veto message was printed as House Document 99-37).

Title I of H.R. 1096, as amended by the Senate would have authorized $175 million in fiscal 1985 for famine relief, rehabilitation, recovery, and assistance to refugees and displaced persons in Africa.

Title II provided $100 million to authorize an interest rate buydown program under which the Government would share equally with lenders in the cost of reducing the interest rates on restructured farm loans. $1.85 billion was authorized in loan guarantee authority for a Department of Agriculture debt adjustment program. Title II also required the Farmers Home Administration to hire additional personnel to process applications for assistance.

Title III required that advance recourse loans be made available to farmers for 1985 crops. The advance loans would be available for commodities for which nonrecourse loans are available under the commodity programs of the Department of Agriculture.

In May 1986, the House of Representatives passed a concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 310) to express the sense of Congress that the Farm Credit Administration and the institutions of the Farm Credit System should take immediate steps to help alleviate the financial difficulty being faced by farmers who are borrowers from the System. The resolution was not acted on by the Senate.

Trade

In May 1986, the House of Representatives passed and sent to the Senate comprehensive trade reform legislation. The Senate did not complete its work on the legislation before adjournment sine die of the 99th Congress.

Title VI of the House-passed bill included the trade provisions developed by the Committee on Agriculture. The major provisions of title VI would (1) reorganize and upgrade offices within the Department of Agriculture to place more emphasis on long-term trade policy; (2) establish offices within the Department of Agriculture to continuously monitor unfair trade practices and to assist U.S. farmers and organizations damaged by unfair trade practices in preparing cases before the appropriate Federal relief agencies; (3) clarify the priorities under the agricultural export enhancement program to ensure eligibility to our traditional purchasers continu-

ing or beginning to buy U.S. commodities in quantities greater than previous levels; (4) require the Secretary of Agriculture to gather information on imports and compare the value and quantity of such imports to the production and consumption of domestically grown products; (5) express the sense of Congress that the President should seek prompt action in response to unfair trade actions employed by other trading nations; and (6) deny benefits of the Federal milk marketing program to dairies owned by foreign interests and financed by industrial development bonds.

Commodity Futures Trading Commission

Congress approved, in October 1986, the Conference report on H.R. 4613 (the Futures Trading Act of 1986, Public Law 99-641), which included a three-year extension (through fiscal 1989) of funding authority for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC), an independent Government agency that regulates commodity futures and options markets and also regulates so-called "leverage" trading.

The legislation also strengthened the Commission's regulatory authority, including a provision to permit the Commission to request appointment of temporary receivers when seeking to prevent suspected law violators from destroying records or removing property.

Also, the measure included a compromise settlement of controversies over leverage trading by limiting such dealing in the future to contracts in precious metals. Expansion of the leverage trading industry will be permitted following a Commission survey of firms that may be interested in the business.

Further, the General Accounting Office was directed to make a comprehensive study of the effect of cattle futures trading on the cash market for live cattle.

Grain quality

Congress adopted the Grain Quality Improvement Act of 1986 in the Conference report on H.R. 4613 (Public Law 99-641). The legislation, intended primarily to improve the quality of export grain in an effort to protect and expand export markets, prohibits the addition of dockage or any other foreign material to grain, effective on May 1, 1987. The House of Representatives passed a comparable bill (H.R. 5407) on September 22, 1986.

Under the Act, between May 1 and December 31, 1987, the ban on adding dockage or foreign material would be waived (except in the case of dust) for cases in which material taken out of a single specific shipment at an export loading facility is returned to the same shipment to ensure even distribution of the material throughout the cargo. Further, the changes in existing law will not prohibit a number of traditional marketing and handling practices such as blending grain of varying qualities, treating grain to kiss insects, or selling dockage as a separate product. Both domestic and export grain sales are affected, but the Secretary of Agriculture can waive provisions of the Act for sales to domestic final users or processors. Other provisions of the legislation included—

—a directive to the Secretary to issue a final regulation revising grain inspection procedures to more accurately reflect insect infestation levels;
—a study by the Secretary to determine the feasibility of adjusting grain premium and discount schedules to encourage delivery, storage, and export of high-quality grain;
—a directive to the Secretary to publish and seek comment on proposals for optimal grading of grain; and
—requirements that the Department of Agriculture study the need for and availability of uniform tests to rate the suitability of grains and soybeans for specific uses, and where such tests are found available and practical that the Federal Grain Inspection Service adopt them.

Bankruptcy

Congress gave final approval in October 1986 to legislation (Public Law 99-554) that included the Family Farm Bankruptcy Act. The House bill (H.R. 5316) was not referred to the Committee on Agriculture. The Act was designed to give family farmers who are facing bankruptcy an opportunity to reorganize their debts and maintain possession of their land. Farmers will thus have the same type of protection from creditors that has been available to others under the bankruptcy laws. At the same time, the legislation contained provisions to prevent abuses of the system and ensure fair repayment of farm lenders.

Although farmers have had access to the bankruptcy provisions of Federal law in the past, in a practical sense the structure of the law was not suitable for many farm families. Terms that would have met farmers' needs under chapter 13 of the Bankruptcy Code were not available because many farmers had too much debt to qualify. Under chapter 11, which was also available to farmers but primarily intended for other kinds of businesses, farm families found requirements overly complicated, costly, and sometimes unworkable.

Public Law 99-554 created a new chapter 12 that is intended to offer farmers many of the advantages provided other debtors by chapter 13, but with eligibility requirements that farmers can meet. Under the new chapter 12 procedures, a debtor family must have more than 50 percent of its gross income generated by farming. An applicant must have total debts of no more than $1.5 million, and 80 percent of the debts must come from agricultural operations. Producers who file reorganization plans under the new chapter must show that future farm income will be enough to make the payments proposed under the plan. A single creditor cannot reject the plan. The new chapter will expire after seven years.

Processed meat products

Provisions of the Conference report on H.R. 4613 (Public Law 99-641) contained the Processed Products Inspection Improvement Act of 1986. This legislation provided the Secretary of Agriculture with discretionary authority to vary the frequency of Federal inspections of processed meat products. The change does not affect the continuing requirement that all meat must be inspected at the

time of slaughter. The new provision affects only the use of previously-inspected meat in making processed foods. For these products, the Secretary of Agriculture will now be able to tailor the frequency of on-site, visual inspection of products by a Federal inspector. In determining the frequency of inspections, consideration will be given to factors such as the reliability of processing control systems maintained by the processing plant. The legislation also puts new enforcement strength into the meat inspection program by giving the Secretary broader power to withdraw inspectors from plants that pose a threat to public health.

REA loan repayments

Rural cooperatives were authorized, under a provision adopted as part of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986 (Public Law 99-509), to refinance high-cost REA-guaranteed loans without facing prepayment penalties that could make such refinancing impracticable. Authority for refinancing was previously adopted by Congress in Public Law 99-349, but a provision giving the Treasury Department authority to veto individual repayments if officials felt they might have an adverse effect on operations of the Federal Financing Bank proved too restrictive. Public Law 99-509 provided that the Treasury veto cannot be exercised in fiscal year 1987 until after rural cooperatives have refinanced $2.017 billion. The refinancing authority was intended to help; cooperatives reduce their costs by moving high-interest debt to loans at the current lower market rates.

Tobacco program modifications

In the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (Public Law 99-272), Congress approved substantial changes in the support and stabilization program for tobacco. The legislation set a new formula for the determination of price support levels, and requires tobacco manufacturers to pay half the cost of any future assessments under the no-net-cost tobacco program. Also, manufacturers were required to purchase accumulated surplus stocks at discounted prices, and their future estimated purchase needs are to be used to help determine future marketing quotas for producers. Future quota reductions were limited to no more than six percent for the 1986 through 1989 crop years, and to no more than ten percent for the 1990 through 1993 crop years.

Earlier, Congress enacted legislation (Public Law 99-157) that reduced the 1985 Burley tobacco support level and no-net-cost assessment, and a bill (Public Law 99-241) to temporarily postpone a tobacco referendum and quota proclamations.

Sugar import quotas

As part of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1986 (Public Law 99-570), enacted in October 1986, Congress provided for the cancellation of U.S. sugar import quotas for countries that the President determines are involved in illicit drug trade or fail to cooperate with the United States in narcotics enforcement activities. Earlier, Congress (1) adopted as part of the Food Security Act of 1985 (Public Law 99-198) a provision banning U.S. sugar import quotas for countries that are net importers and that import Cuban sugar, and (2) in-

cluded in the Comprehensive Anti-Apartheid Act of 1986 (Public Law 99-440) a prohibition against South African sugar imports and an increase in the Philippine quota.

Illegal drug control programs

The 99th Congress took several anti-drug actions in agriculture and related areas. As part of the Food Security Act of 1985 (Public Law 99-198), Congress enacted a five-year ban on price supports and certain other farm benefits for persons convicted of growing or storing controlled substances. In the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1986 (Public Law 99-570), Congress approved the National Forest System Drug Control Act. This legislation authorized the Department of Agriculture to train up to 500 Forest Service employees to investigate the production of marijuana and other drugs in National Forests, to carry firearms, and to enforce anti-drug laws.

Food stamps and nutrition

The food assistance section of the Food Security Act of 1985 (Public Law 99-198) included a five-year extension of the food stamp program, a two-year extension of the Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Act, increased certain food stamp benefits, and required that all States set up special employment and training programs to help move jobless food stamp recipients onto payrolls. The Food Security Act also included steps to increase work incentives, such as a special child care deduction for working poor households, to tighten managment controls in the food stamp program, and to expand nutrition monitoring of needy individuals (*Note:* the House of Representatives also passed H.R. 2436, the National Nutrition Monitoring and Related Research Act, in 1986, which was not acted on by the Senate). In October 1986, as part of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1986 (Public Law 99-570), Congress adopted a provision designed to make it possible for homeless food stamp recipients to use their stamps to purchase food at emergency shelters and soup kitchens.

Pesticide regulation

The House of Representatives on October 16, 1986, passed a bill (a substitute amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2482) designed to modernize and strengthen the law that regulates pesticide chemicals. The House amendment was a revised version of a measure adopted earlier (in September 1986) by the House, and amended by the Senate on October 6, 1986. There was insufficient time remaining in the 99th Congress after Senate passage to convene a conference, and the bill passed by the House on October 16 was designed to compromise House and Senate differences. No further action was taken on the bill by the Senate before the October 18 adjournment sine die.

The legislation included provisions to speed up rechecking and reregistration of older pesticides, and extend through fiscal 1991 the authorization for appropriations under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) under which the Environmental Protection Agency regulates and registers pesticides. Registration of a pesticide following submission of evidence on its safety is required before such a product can legally be marketed.

In addition to speeding reregistration of older pesticides, the House-passed substitute amendment also required that, for pesticides meeting current reregistration standards, residue tolerances in food products must be nationally uniform after being issued under the Federal rule-making process, with exceptions to permit States to petition for differing tolerances under designated conditions; directed the Environmental Protection Agency to protect groundwater against pesticide contamination; tightened regulations on pesticide exports; and included a patent term extension provision under which, during the next 15 years, the length of a pesticide patent could be extended by the length of time that passes between the date the patent is issued and the date on which it is registered for marketing following EPA review of health and safety data.

The legislation also contained provisions to: require public disclosure of fact sheets summarizing health, safety, and environmental data on registered pesticides; allow persons seeking to comment on pesticide registration applications to study safety data before the Environmental Protecation Agency rules on a chemical; clarify procedures for dealing with State registration of pesticides for special local needs; strengthen requirements for eliminating tolerances for pesticide residues in raw farm products after a registration is cancelled or withdrawn; provide faster procedures for hearings on cancellation of pesticides following special reveiws of possible adverse effects; direct the Agency to obtain data on potentially hazardous inert pesticide ingredients and to take steps needed to protect the environment; require the Agency to issue health and safety regulations for employees handling or exposed to pesticides; provide new liability protection for farmers if they follow label directions for use of pesticides; and authorize a nonbinding arbitration procedure for potential use in determining how pesticide manufacturers will be compensated when their research data on pesticides whose patents have expired are used by firms seeking registration on similar materials.

Congress earlier, in the Food Security Act of 1985 (Public Law 99-198), had extended the pesticide program authorization for appropriations for one year.

Tax reform

Of interest to agricultural producers, Public Law 99-44 amended the Internal Revenue Code to repeal the contemporaneous record-keeping requirements added by the Tax Reform Act of 1984.

In addition, the Tax Reform Act of 1986 (Public Law 99-514) included a number of provisions of particular interest to agricultural producers including: the repeal of capital gains exclusions; repeal of the investment tax credit and income-averaging provisions; revision of depreciation schedules for items including agricultural buildings, livestock, and machinery; and passive loss provisions that eliminate deductions for loses on investments where the investor does not materially participate in the business. It also repealed provisions allowing farmers to claim immediate tax deductions for land clearing; revised treatment for soil and water conservation expenses that will in the future be deductible only if the work is part of a government conservation plan; permitted until December 31,

1989, a deduction for one-fourth of the cost of health insurance for self-employed persons; and substantially retained the existing cash accounting privilege for farmers.

Forestry

During the 99th Congress, several bills were enacted to designate National Forest land for the National Wilderness Preservation System and resolve issues regarding the process of evaluating land for designation as wilderness areas. These bills include: H.R. 1627 (Public Law 99-197) designating as wilderness the 13,300 area Clifty Wilderness in the Daniel Boone National Forest, Kentucky; H.R. 5166 (Public Law 99-490) designating 33,735 acres of Tennessee's Cherokee National Forest as a wilderness preserve; S. 816 (Public Law 99-504) designating 8,100 acres in Nebraska as the Soldier Creek Wilderness; H.R. 5496 (Public Law 99-555) adding 42,258 acres of National Forest in Georgia to the wilderness system; and H.R. 4685 (Public Law 99-584) modifying the boundaries of existing wilderness areas in Texas.

Congress also enacted the National Forest Ski Area Permit Act of 1986 Public Law 99-522), to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to issue ski area permits (for terms not to exceed 40 years) for the use and occupancy of suitable lands within the National Forest system for nordic and alpine skiing operations and purposes. Public Law 99-545 (H.R. 2921), authorized the Secretary of Agriculture to issue permanent easements for water conveyance systems that traverse National Forest lands, in order to resolve certain title claims.

The House of Representatives on August 13, 1986, passed a bill (H.R. 2631) to create a ten-year program to document the threat to forests from air pollution and to map plans for research and actions needed to deal the problem. Under the legislation, the Secretary of Agriculture would establish a ten-year program to determine the effects of air pollution, in addition to acid precipitation, on forest ecosystems and would coordinate efforts to increase forest surveys and inventories. At the end of the ten-year effort, the Secretary would be required to produce a final report with recommendations for solving or mitigating the effects of air pollution on forests. No action was taken by the Senate on the bill.

Columbia River Gorge protection

Congress approved the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act in October 1986, to establish a Columbia River Gorge Scenic Area in Washington and Oregon (Public Law 99-663). The legislation provided for the establishment of an interstate commission to help guide development of designated parts of the Columbia River Gorge in a manner consistent with the preservation of scenic and other natural values.

Rural development

In August 1986, Congress approved the Rural Industrial Assistance Act of 1986 (Public Law 99-409) to authorize grants, at the discretion of the Secretary of Agriculture, for the construction of rural technology development centers. The Act states that, if grants are made, the Secretary should give priority to applications

from rural areas with low income and few industries or agriculture-related businesses.

In October 1986, as part of the Continuing Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 1987 (Public Law 99-500), Congress approved an extension through fiscal 1987 of a program under which the Secretary of Agriculture has authority to guarantee loans made to nonprofit national rural development and finance corporations for the purpose of promoting business, industrial, and job growth in rural areas.

Immigration reform

After several years of work by Congress and the Committee on Agriculture on immigration reform legislation, Congress, in October 1986, passed the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (Public Law 99-603), a comprehensive revision of our Nation's immigration laws. The House bill, H.R. 3810, was reported to the House by the Committee on Agriculture under a sequential referral.

Agriculture-related provisions include: a revision of provisions of law for temporary admission of foreign workers where no domestic workers are available (H-2 program); creation of a program for the admission of agricultural workers to work in the perishable crop industry; and authority for aliens who have resided in the United States for the last three years and worked in the perishable crop industry for at least 90 days in each of the three years to apply for temporary resident status, with adjustment to permanent status after one year.

Under the bill, other alien workers who have worked in the perishable crop industry for at least 90 days between May 1985 and May 1986 are eligible for temporary resident status, with adjustment to permanent resident status after two years. "Replenishment workers" will be permitted to enter the country as temporary residents after three years, if the Departments of Labor and Agriculture determine that such workers are needed. Status is to be adjusted to permanent resident status after working at least 90 days per year for three years. The replenishment program authority is to expire seven years after the date of enactment. Both agricultural workers and replenishment workers must reside continuously in the United States as permanent residents for five years before applying for U.S. citizenship. Both are disqualified from most forms of public assistance.

The legislation also required States to verify, through computer records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the legal status of aliens applying for food stamp benefits, but allowed a waiver to be granted (on the recommendation of the Secretary of Agriculture) where the verification program would not be cost-effective or would be redundant.

Other legislation

During consideration of the 1985 farm bill, Congress passed several laws (Public Laws 99-63, 99-114, 99-157, and 99-182) to postpone program changes that otherwise would be triggered by the expiration of authorities under the 1981 farm bill.

A bill enacted in December 1985 (Public Law 99-199), directed the Secretary of Agriculture to remove a reversionary interest held by the United States in 5.8 acres of land to be transferred by the State of New York to a church in rural Caneadea, New York.

Public Law 99-504, enacted in October 1986, authorized the construction by the Secretary of Agriculture of a salinity laboratory in Riverside, California.

B. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

(1) *Statistics on bills referred to the Committee on Agriculture:*

Number of bills referred:	
House bills	336
Senate bills	3
House joint resolutions	3
House concurrent resolutions	12
House resolutions	11
Total	365

DISPOSITION OF BILLS CONTAINING ITEMS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Bills enacted into law	39
Bills acted on by the committee included in other bills that became law	9
Bills vetoed	1
Bills acted on by both Houses, but not enacted	1
Bills passed by the House but not considered by the Senate	13
House resolutions passed by the House	2
Bills reported to the House but not considered	6
Bills defeated in the House	0

(2) *Statistics on hearings and markups:*

Committee	Open business meetings	Washington hearings	Field hearings	Total
Full committee	37	11	2	50
Subcommittees:				
Conservation, Credit, and Rural Development	6	22	3	31
Cotton, Rice and Sugar	1	9	5	15
Department Operations, Research, and Foreign Agriculture	6	23	2	31
Domestic Marketing, Nutrition, and Consumer Relations	1	11	3	15
Forests, Family Farms, and Energy	3	9	2	14
Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry	4	18	6	28
Tobacco and Peanuts	4	6	1	11
Wheat, Feed Grains, and Soybeans	12	4	1	17
Total	74	113	25	212

C. DIGEST OF BILLS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE COMMITTEE ON WHICH SOME ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN

1. BILLS ENACTED INTO LAW

Public Law 99-63 (S. 822)

To extend the [2] time for conducting the referendum with respect to the national marketing quota for wheat for the marketing year beginning June 1, 1986 (approved July 11, 1985).

[2] Several bills reported by other authorizing committees but not acted on by the Committee on Agriculture were enacted with provisions relating to matters within the Committee's jurisdiction. Following is an abbreviated summary of those bills and provisions:

Amended the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 to postpone—until 31 days after adjournment of the first session of the 99th Congress—the time for conducting the referendum with respect to the national marketing quota for wheat for the marketing year beginning June 1, 1986.

Note.—See discussion under "Public Law 99-260 (H.R. 1614). *Note.*"

Public Law 99-83 (S. 960)

The International Security and Development Cooperation Act of 1985 (approved August 8, 1985).

Among its provisions, the legislation—

—established Public Law 480 title II minimum tonnages for fiscal years 1986 and 1987;

—required annual reports to Congress on title II programming; and

—made rice an eligible commodity under the donation program authorized by section 416(b) of the Agricultural Act of 1949.

Note.—The Committee on Agriculture took no formal action on the legislation, but worked with the Committee on Foreign Affairs on the portions of it described above in conjunction with related provisions of Public Law 99-198 (the Food Security Act of 1985).

Public Law 99-114 (H.R. 3454)

To extend temporarily certain provisions of law (approved October 1, 1985).

Amended the Agricultural Act of 1949 to extend the dairy price support program from September 30, 1985, through November 15, 1985.

Amended the Food Stamp Act of 1977 to suspend the noncash benefit requirement for the Puerto Rico nutrition assistance program from September 30, 1985, through November 15, 1985.

Public Law 99-24 (S. 781): Extended authority for biomass energy and alcohol loan guarantees.

Public Law 99-64 (S. 833): The Export Administration Amendments Act of 1985. The legislation, in section 203, required a report, by October 10, 1985, on the status of barter programs using Commodity Credit Corporation commodities, and authorized the President to barter stocks of agricultural commodities for petroleum and petroleum products.

Public Law 99-239 (H.J. Res. 187): The Compact of Free Association Act of 1985. It makes Farmers Home Administration and Rural Electrification Administration programs available in Micronesia and the Marshall Islands (sections 105(h)(1) and 111(a)), and requires the provision of technical assistance by the Forest Service and the Soil Conservation Service in Micronesia and the Marshall Islands (section 105(1)).

Public Law 99-425 (H.R. 4421): The Human Services Reauthorization Act of 1986. It made technical amendments to section 1323 of the Food Security Act of 1985 in conjunction with modifying the interest rates and assignment rules applicable to certain rural development loans made by the Secretary of Health and Human Services (section 407(c)), and revised provisions of law relating to the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program to ensure consistent treatment of energy assistance payments under the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (effectively allowing energy assistance vendor payments to be counted as a deductible expense under the food stamp program) (section 504(e)).

Public Law 99-440 (H.R. 4868): The Comprehensive Anti-Apartheid Act of 1986. The legislation—

(1) authorized the President to use the temporary Emergency Reserve for African Famine Assistance under title II of Public Law 480 to provide assistance in southern Africa (section 210);

(2) authorized the Secretary of Agriculture to permit South Africa to participate in United States agricultural export development programs (section 212);

(3) embargoed the import of South African agricultural products into the United States (section 319); and

(4) prohibited the import of South African sugar into the United States and increased the Philippine sugar quota accordingly (section 323).

Amended the Agricultural Act of 1949 to delay the announcement of the loan level and the national program acreage for extra long staple cotton until 10 days after the Secretary of Agriculture announced the loan level and the national program acreage for upland cotton.

Amended the Food Stamp Act of 1977 to extend the authority for pilot projects under which food stamp allotments may be made in the form of cash to elderly households from October 1, 1985, through November 15, 1985.

Public Law 99-157 (S. 1851)

To extend temporarily the dairy price support program and certain food stamp progam provisions, and for other purposes (approved November 15, 1985).

Amended the Agricultural Act of 1949 to extend the dairy price support program from November 15, 1985, through December 13, 1985.

Amended the Food Stamp Act of 1977 to extend the authority for pilot projects under which food stamp allotments may be made in the form of cash to elderly households from November 15, 1985, through December 13, 1985. Continued the suspension of the noncash benefit requirement for the Puerto Rico nutrition assistance program from November 15, 1985, through December 13, 1985.

Amended the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 to extend the time for conducting the referendum with respect to the national marketing quota for cotton for the marketing year beginning August 1, 1986, and the referendum with respect to marketing quotas for the crops of peanuts produced in the 1986, 1987, and 1988 calendar years, until not later than 31 days after adjournment of the first session of the 99th Congress.

Amended the Agricultural Act of 1949, for the 1985 crop of Burley tobacco, to provide a support level of $1.488 per pound, and to limit the marketing assessment to no more than 4 cents per pound.

Public Law 99-182 (H.R. 3919)

To extend temporarily the dairy price support program and certain food stamp progam provisions, and for other purposes (approved December 31, 1985).

Amended the Agricultural Act of 1949 to extend the dairy price support program from December 13, 1985, through December 31, 1985.

Amended the Food Stamp Act of 1977 to extend the authority for pilot projects under which food stamp allotments may be made in the form of cash to elderly households from December 13, 1985, through December 31, 1985. Continued the suspension of the noncash benefit requirement for the Puerto Rico nutrition assistance program from December 13, 1985, through December 31, 1985.

Amended the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 to extend the time by which the proclamation of the national marketing quota for the 1986 crop of Flue-cured tobacco was to be made to not later than December 31, 1985.

Public Law 99-197 (H.R. 1627)

The Kentucky Wilderness Act of 1985 (approved December 23, 1985).

Designated the 13,300 acre Clifty Wilderness in the Daniel Boone National Forest, Kentucky, as part of the National Wilderness Preservation System.

Provides that the RARE II (second roadless area review and evaluation) final environmental statement (dated January 1979) with respect to National Forest System lands in Kentucky will not be subject to judicial review. Released specified National Forest System lands in Kentucky that were reviewed in the RARE II program from further review by the Department of Agriculture, pending the revision of initial national forest management plans. Released land in Kentucky reviewed in the RARE II program and not designated as wilderness from management as wilderness areas.

Prohibited the Department of Agriculture from conducting any further statewide roadless area review and evaluation of National Forest System lands in Kentucky without congressional authorization.

Note.—H.R. 1627 was referred jointly to the Committees on Agriculture and Interior and Insular Affairs. The Committee on Agriculture did not file a report.

Public Law 99-198 (H.R. 2100)

The Food Security Act of 1985 (approved December 23, 1985).

Established a comprehensive framework within which the Secretary of Agriculture must administer agriculture and food programs from 1986 through 1990. Following is an abbreviated summary of the provisions of the Act:

Continued the milk support price for 1986 at $11.60 per hundredweight with price declines in 1987 through 1990. Required a milk production termination program for April 1, 1986, through September 30, 1987. Amended statutes relating to Federal milk marketing orders.

Continued wool and mohair programs through 1990.

Continued price and income supports for producers of wheat and feed grains through 1990. Authorized the Secretary of Agriculture to implement marketing loans, loan deficiency payments, target option program (wheat only), and inventory reduction payments. Allowed discretionary marketing quotas for wheat.

Continued cotton programs through crop year 1990. Required marketing loans and certificates to make U.S. cotton more competitive in world markets. Allowed optional loan deficiency and inventory reduction payments.

Continued rice income and price support programs through the 1990 crop. Required marketing loans and certificates to make U.S. rice more competitive in world markets. Allowed optional loan deficiency and inventory reduction payments.

Continued two-tier peanut price support program. Authorized disaster payments for the 1985 through 1990 crops.

Continued soybean price support program, and authorized marketing loans and disaster payments, through the 1990 crop .

Continued sugarcane and sugar beet price support programs. Authorized disaster payments for 1985 through 1990 crops.

Established a new system for calculating crop and farm acreage bases and program yields. Amended the honey program. Limited payments received under wheat, feed grain, cotton, and rice programs to $50,000 per person per year; disaster payments to $100,000 per person per year. Revised farmer-owned reserve program.

Amended Public Law 480 to allow use of foreign currencies obtained through the food aid program to encourage the development of private enterprise and enhance food security in countries through local food production. Created the Food for Progress program to help countries that have made commitments to introduce or expand free enterprise elements in their food sectors. Expanded the type and volume of commodities that may be donated under section 416 of the Agricultural Act of 1949. Created the post of Special Assistant to the President for Agricultural Trade and Food Aid. Established other programs to promote commercial agricultural exports. Changed cargo preference laws to exempt specific commercial program shipments and to increase the mandated percentage of food aid shipments that must be carried on U.S. flag vessels.

Prohibited program benefits to farmers who convert highly erodible land ("sodbusters") or wetlands ("swampbusters") to cropland. Authorized a conservation reserve program of 40 to 45 million acres by 1990.

Provided for a partial shift in funding of Department of Agriculture credit programs from direct to guaranteed loans. Protected buyers of farm products from double payment. Assisted farmers who are in financial difficulty or have lost farms in foreclosures.

Authorized or continued research, extension, and teaching programs (including provisions for agricultural productivity research comparable to those contained in H.R. 1383—see "5. Bills Passed by the House But Not Considered by the Senate" for further discussion).

Continued (with amendments) the food stamp program through September 30, 1990. Extended the temporary emergency food assistance program through September 30, 1987. Increased funding for Puerto Rico's nutrition assistance program. Expanded nutrition monitoring of needy individuals.

Established mandatory promotion programs for beef and pork and an optional program for watermelons. Increased penalties for violations of marketing order. Mandated development of new grain classification standards.

Established inspection and labeling requirements for poultry and meat imports. Established criteria for local agricultural stabilization and conservation committees. Established a National Commission on Agricultural Policy to study the structure, procedures, and methods of formulating and administering U.S. agricultural policies. Authorized programs in aquacultural research, assistance, and training. Required a study and pilot project on farmers' use of agricultural commodity futures and options markets. Required additional animal welfare standards. Required a program to control grasshoppers and Mormon crickets.

Authorized appropriations in fiscal year 1986 for activities under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act. Similar legislation (H.R. 2355) was separately reported by the Committee.

See "7. Bills Reported to the House But Not Considered" for a discussion of H.R. 2355.

Public Law 99-199 (H.R. 2796)

To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to release the condition requiring that a parcel of land conveyed to New York State be used for public purposes and to convey United States mineral interests in the parcel to New York State (approved December 23, 1985).

Removed a reversionary interest held by the United States in 5.8 acres of land to be transferred by the State of New York to a church in rural Caneadea, New York.

Directed the Secretary of Agriculture to release the reversionary interest held by the United States in the 5.8 acres, and directed the Secretary of the Interior to convey (in exchange for payment of fair market value) any mineral interests in the land, if the State of New York agrees to convey the parcel to the Bellville Wesleyan Church for a fair and equitable consideration. The State is required to pay the administrative costs incurred by the Federal Government for the release and for conveying the mineral interests, if any.

Public Law 99-205 (S. 1884)

Farm Credit Amendments Act of 1985 (approved December 23, 1985).

Amended the Farm Credit Act of 1971 to strengthen the operation of Farm Credit System lending institutions by requiring the Farm Credit Administration to cause System institutions to achieve and maintain adequate capital by establishing minimum levels of capital and such other methods as the Farm Credit Administration deems appropriate. Following is an abbreviated summary of the provisions of the Act:

Authorized the Farm Credit Administration to appoint a conservator or receiver for troubled System institutions.

Established a new Farm Credit System Capital Corporation to—

—carry out a program of financial assistance among System institutions;

—acquire from System institutions and participate with the institutions in nonperforming assets of the institutions;

—hold, restructure, collect, and otherwise administer nonperforming assets acquired from or participated in with System institutions, and guarantee performing and nonperforming assets held by other System institutions;

—provide technical assistance and related services to System institutions in connection with the administration of their loan portfolios;

—provide assistance and related service to System institutions to assist them in restructuring or refinancing loans of their member-borrowers; and

—receive and administer financial assistance for System institutions that originates outside of the System.

Authorized the Farm Credit Administration, effective January 1, 1991, to establish and maintain a central resererve for the System to make temporary deposits and investments in financially troubled banks or associations of the System.

Established the Farm Credit Administration as an independent agency in the executive branch of the Government.

Required the Farm Credit Administration to be managed by a full time three-member board to be appointed by the President.

Provided that each System institution must be examined by Farm Credit Administration examiners at such time as the Chairman of the Administration's board may determine, but in no event less than once each year.

Granted broad powers to the Farm Credit Administration to require and enforce sound management practices in all System institutions.

Require System institutions to provide their borrowers, for all loans not subject to the Truth in Lending Act, with meaningful and timely disclosure of certain specified information.

Provided other measures aimed to protect farmers and other System borrowers.

Required the President to appoint a National Commission on Agricultural Finance.

Public Law 99-241 (S. 2013)

To delay the referendum with respect to the 1986 through 1988 crops of Flue-cured tobacco and to delay the proclamation of national marketing quotas for the 1986 through 1988 crops of Burley tobacco (approved January 30, 1986).

Amended the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct the referendum with respect to national marketing quotas for the 1986 through 1988 crops of Flue-cured tobacco not later than the earlier of (1) 30 days after any proclamation of the national marketing quota for Flue-cured tobacco for the 1986 marketing year made after the date of enactment, or (2) March 15, 1986.

Extended the authorized announcement date for the proclamation of national marketing quotas for Burley tobacco for the 1986 through 1988 marketing years for 30 days to March 1, 1986.

Public Law 99-253 (S. 2036)

To make certain technical corrections to amendments made by the Food Security Act of 1985, and for other purposes (approved February 28, 1986).

Amended the Agricultural Act of 1949 to make discretionary the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to require that, as a condition of eligibility for the 1986 through 1990 wheat and feed grain programs, the acreage planted for harvest on the farm to any other commodity for which an acreage limitation program is in effect not exceed the crop acreage base for that commodity.

Amended the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act to allow more than one local agricultural stabilization and conservation committee per administrative area in counties having three or more local committees as of the date of enactment of the Food Security Act of 1985, and provide for election of members to such committees.

Made a technical correction to the provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985 relating to the establishment of wheat and feed grain crop acreage bases.

Public Law 99-260 (H.R. 1614)

The Food Security Improvements Act of 1986 (approved March 20, 1986).

Amended the Agricultural Act of 1949 to restrict plantings of certain "nonprogram" crops on wheat, feed grain, upland cotton, or rice acreage taken out of production of those commodities under a program (authorized by the Food Security Act of 1985, Public Law 99-198) that provides payments calculated on 92 percent of permitted wheat, feed grain, cotton, or rice program acreage, if 50 percent of the acreage is actually planted for harvest.

Authorized the Secretary of Agriculture to allow haying and grazing, unless it would create an adverse economic effect, on all or part of acreage otherwise required to be devoted to conservation uses as a condition of qualifying for the special price support payments described above.

Amended the Agricultural Act of 1949 to revise the farm program payment yields established by the Food Security Act to limit any reduction in payment yields for the 1986 crop year to no more than three percent below the farm's 1985 crop year level. No more than a five percent reduction below the 1985 crop year may be made for the 1987 crop year. For the purpose of calculating farm program payments yields for 1988 and subsequent years, the 1986 yield may not be reduced more than ten percent below the farm program payment yield for the 1985 crop year.

Amended the Food Security Act to require the President to appoint the initial special assistant for agricultural trade and food assistance no later than May 1, 1986. The salary level of this special assistant position was reduced from executive level I to not less than executive level III.

Amended the Food Security Act to reduce the funding level for the targeted export assistance (TEA) program to counter unfair trade practices to $110 million for each of the fiscal years 1986 through 1988. Revised the export enhancement program (EEP) to reduce the required spending levels from $2 billion in commodities during the period October 1, 1985, through September 30, 1988, to not less than $1 billion nor more than $1.5 billion.

Amended the Agricultural Act of 1949 to require the Secretary of Agriculture to permit acreage diverted from production under the wheat and feed grain set-aside and acreage limitation programs to be devoted to hay and grazing during not less than five of the principal growing months in the case of the 1986 crops. In the case of the 1987 through 1990 crops of wheat and feed grain, grazing would be allowed on diverted acreage, except during any five-consecutive-month period established for the crop by a State agricultural stabilization and conservation committee.

Provided for the protection of program base acreage when farmers plant nonprogram crops on diverted acreage under the 1986 through 1989 wheat, feed grain, cotton, and rice programs.

Required the Secretary to conduct a hearing and implement a program to provide for marketwide service payments to allow dairy cooperatives to receive compensation for processing nonmember milk and providing other services such as milk transportation.

Increased the assessment on milk production under the Food Security Act of 1985 to meet deficit reduction requirements of Public Law 99-177 (Gramm-Rudman-Hollings).

Amended the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act to authorize the Commodity Credit Corporation to export commodities not to exceed $30,000,000 in value each year to finance the research and development of external combustion engines using fuel other than petroleum.

Amended the Food Security Act of 1985 to extend the time for completing certain studies of quality control systems used in the administration of the food stamp program.

Stated the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Agriculture should carry out a program to provide advance recourse loans to farmers to obtain sufficient credit elsewhere to finance the production of certain crops in 1986.

Amended the United States Warehouse Act to authorize federally-licensed operators of grain warehouses to transfer stored commodities to other licensed warehouses under terms to be specified in regulations by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Amended Public Law 99-10, making urgent supplemental appropriations for emergency famine relief and recovery in Africa for fiscal year 1985, to require the Agency for International Development to submit to Congress, before April 145, 1986, a plan specifying how additional funds provided for African famine relief would be used.

Amended the Agricultural Act of 1949 to require the Secretary of Agriculture to announce, by March 31, 1986, the amount of surplus commodities owned by the Commodity Credit Corporation available for donation under section 416 of the Act in fiscal year 1986.

Note.—As initially passed by the House of Representatives on June 4, 1985, H.R. 1614 contained nonrelated provisions concerning to the 1985 wheat referendum. The wheat referendum legislation was sent to the President in S. 822, which became law on July 22, 1985. See the discussion of Public Law 99-63 above. In acting on H.R. 1614 on March 6, 1986, the Senate deleted the text of the bill, as passed by the House, and inserted the text described above. The House, on March 6, 1986, adopted the Senate amendment. For a discussion of bills reported by the Committee (H.R. 4079, H.R. 4105, and H.R. 4188) that contained provisions similar to the Senate amendment to H.R. 1614, see "7. Bills Reported to the House But Not Considered".

Public Law 99-272 (H.R. 3128)

The Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (approved April 7, 1986).

Reconciliation

Provided that the expenditures and outlays resulting from certain provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985 will be counted for the purpose of determining savings under the Consolidated Ombibus Reconciliation Act of 1985.

Tobacco program improvements

Price Support Adjustments: Amended the Agricultural Act of 1949 to lower the price support level for the 1985 and 1986 crops of Flue-cured tobacco to $1.438 per pound, and for Burley tobacco to $1.488 per pound.

Set the price support level for 1987 and subsequent crops of Flue-cured tobacco at the level of the preceeding year, plus or minus, respectively, 65 to 100 percent of the total of two-thirds of the amount by which the average market price for the 5 preceeding years (excluding the highest and lowest years) is greater than the support level for the preceeding year, and one-third of the change in the index of prices paid by tobacco farmers during the previous calendar year.

Repealed authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to lower the price support on certain low quality grades of Flue-cured tobacco.

Determination of Marketing Quotas: Required cigarette manufacturers to submit to the Secretary each year, on a confidental basis, their projections of the amount of tobacco they intend to purchase at auction during the next marketing year.

Required the Secretary to set the national marketing quotas for Flue-cured tobacco and Burley tobacco, respectively, at (plus or minus three percent of) the total of—

(1) the sum of the projections of intended purchases of Flue-cured or Burley tobacco submitted by cigarette manufacturers;

(2) average annual Flue-cured or Burley tobacco exports for the three preceeding years; and

(3) the amount of Flue-cured tobacco or Burley tobacco the Secretary determines is needed to increase or decrease the inventories of producer associations to establish or maintain the reserve stock level.

Established reserve stock levels at 100 million pounds of Flue-cured tobacco and 50 million pounds of Burley tobacco, or 15 percent of the effective national marketing quota for the respective kind of tobacco if that figure is higher).

Limited the downward adjustment in the national marketing quotas for Flue-cured tobacco and Burley tobacco to no more than six percent for the 1986 through 1989 crop years, and to no more than ten percent for the 1990 through 1993 crop years.

Reduced the amount of Flue-cured tobacco that may be marketed without penalty from 110 to 103 percent of the farm marketing quota.

Auction Purchase Requirements: Required cigarette manufacturers to submit to the Secretary of Agriculture on a confidential basis, at the end of each marketing year, the amount of purchases of Flue-cured and Burley tobacco during that marketing year.

Provided a penalty for manufacturers that fail to purchase at auction or from association inventories at least 90 percent of the amount of Flue-cured tobacco or Burley tobacco the manufacturer stated it intended to purchase for purposes of quota determination.

Required that penalties collected be transmitted to the appropriate association for deposit in the no net cost fund or account.

Assessments: Required each purchaser of Flue-cured or Burley tobacco to pay to the appropriate association or the Commodity Credit Corporation assessments on all purchases marketed by pro-

ducers from farms (including purchases from association inventories). The amount of the assessments are to be determined so that tobacco producers and purchasers share equally in maintaining each association's no net cost fund or account.

Required collection of assessments from persons acquiring tobacco, from the warehouseman or agent if the tobacco is marketed through such person, or from the producer on sales by the producer to a person outside the United States. In all cases, the person responsible for collecting the assessment may deduct from the price paid to the producer, and add to the price paid by the purchaser, the amount of any assessment to be paid by the other person.

Subjected persons that fail to collect and remit contributions or assessments to a marketing penalty equal to 75 percent of the average market price of the tobacco. The penalty is to be assessed by the Secretary after notice and opportunity for a hearing, and review by the appropriate United States district court is provided.

Purchasers of Inventory Stocks: Required the Flue-cured association to offer to sell its stocks from the 1976 through 1984 crops at the base prices in effect on October 29, 1984, reduced by 90 percent for tobacco from the 1976 through 1981 crops and 10 percent for tobacco from the 1982 through 1984 crops. Required the Burley association to offer to sell its stocks from the 1982 through 1984 crops at the following prices: the listed base price for the 1982 crop, the association's costs for the tobacco for the 1984 crop, and 10 percent of cost for the 1983 crop (if not sold by the Commodity Credit Corporation within two years).

Authorized cigarett manufacturers to purchase inventories over an eight-year period in the case of Flue-cured tobacco, and over a five-year period in the case of Burley tobacco. Each manufacturer must purchase a percentage of the stocks at least equal to manufacturer's percentage of the total net cigaretts manufactured for use during a previous 12-month period as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture based on monthly reports submitted by manfacturers to the Department of the Treasury.

1986 Marketing Quota Announcement: Provided that following the date of enactment cigarett manufacturers had 14 days to submit their tobacco purchase intentions. The Secretary of Agriculture then had 7 days to announce the marketing quota.

Other Tobacco Provisions: Required the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a comprehensive study and report to Congress on the methods and procedures for grading tobacco marketed in the United States. Amended the Tobacco Inspection Act to provide authority for the Secretary to invest and use income generated under the Act through fees and charges.

Biomass Projects

Extended authority for biomass energy and alcohol fuel loan guarantees.

Note.—As passed by the House of Representatives on October 31, 1985, the bill did not contain provisions submitted by the Committee to effect reconciliation savings or other provisions under the jurisdiction of the Committee. Such provisions were added by the Senate on November 14, 1985.

Public Law 99-386 (S. 992)

The Congressional Reports Elimination Act of 1986 (approved August 22, 1986).

Among its provisions, the legislation eliminated reports to Congress on biomass energy development and quarterly reports by the General Sales Manager of the Department of Agriculture.

Note.—The Committee on Agriculture submitted recommendations on portions of the legislation to the Committee on Government Operations (to which the bill was referred) at the Committee's request, which recommendations were incorporated into the bill, as passed by the House of Representatives.

Public Law 99-409 (H.R. 4331)

The Rural Industrial Assistance Act of 1986 (approved August 28, 1986).

Amended the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to (1) limit the amount of individual rural industrialization loans to $25 million, and (2) authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to make grants to public and nonprofit private institutions for the purpose of enabling them to establish and operate centers of rural technology development that have, as a primary objective, the improvement of the economic condition of the rural areas by promoting the development (through technological innovation and adaptation of existing technology) and commercialization of new products that can be produced in rural areas, and new processes that can be used in such production.

Public Law 99-490 (H.R. 5166)

The Tennessee Wilderness Act of 1986 (approved October 16, 1986).

Designated approximately 33,735 acres of the Cherokee National Forest as part of the National Wilderness Preservation System.

Released certain roadless National Forest lands in Tennessee from any further administrative review of their suitability for wilderness for the life of the initial forest plan. Established that the consideration given the wilderness suitability question with respect to such lands by Congress and the Forest Service is sufficient to meet legal standards. Released the portion of such lands not designated or recommended for designation as wilderness from management as wilderness areas.

Note.—H.R. 5166 was referred jointly to the Committees on Agriculture and Interior and Insular Affairs. The Committee on Agriculture did not file a report.

Public Law 99-504 (S. 816)

The Nebraska Wilderness Act of 1985 (approved October 20, 1986).

Designated approximately 8,100 acres in Nebraska (to be known as the Soldier Creek Wilderness) as part of the National Wilderness Preservation System.

Released roadless National Forest lands in Nebraska from any further administrative review of their suitability for wilderness for the life of the initial forest plan.

Established that the consideration given the wilderness suitability question with respect to such land as Congress and the Forest Service were sufficient to meet legal standards. Released the portion of such lands not designated or recommended for designation as wilderness from management as wilderness areas.

Prohibited the Department of Agriculture from conducting any further statewide roadless areas review and evaluation of National Forest System lands in Nebraska without congressional authorization.

Designated approximately 7,400 acres of National Forest System lands in Nebraska as the Pine Ridge National Recreation Area.

Provided that the designated recreation area be managed by the Secretary of Agriculture in accordance with existing laws and certain specified objectives.

Note.—S. 816 was referred jointly to the Committees on Agriculture and Interior and Insular Affairs. The Committee on Agriculture did not file a report.

Public Law 99-509 (H.R. 5300)

The Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986 (approved October 21, 1986). (Title I provided for budget reconciliation savings in programs under the jurisdiction of the Committee on Agriculture.)

Rural Development Insurance Fund loan asset sales.—Directed the Secretary of Agriculture to sell notes or other obligations in the Rural Development Insurance Fund in such amounts as to realize net proceeds of not less than $1 billion in fiscal year 1987, $552 million in fiscal year 1988, and $547 million in fiscal year 1989, and prohibited sales from the Agricultural Credit Insurance Fund during such years without prior approval by Congress.

Prepayment of Rural Electrification Administration debt.—Required the Federal Financing Bank to waive prepayment penalties on a minimum of $2 billion of rural cooperative loans issued by the Bank and guaranteed by the Rural Electrification Administration. Established criteria to determine which cooperatives would be eligible for refinancing. Estimated to save $800 million in fiscal year 1987 outlays.

Prohibited the sale and prepayment of REA direct loans after fiscal year 1987.

Advance deficiency payments.—Required the Secretary of Agriculture to make advance deficiency payments for the 1987 crops of wheat, feed grains, upland cotton, and rice. Advance payments to be made at a rate not less than 40 percent of the projected payment rate for wheat and feed grains and 30 percent for rice and upland cotton.

Farm credit institutions.—Allowed the Farm Credit System to ease its heavy debt load and excessive interest rates by changing its accounting practices. Banks in the System permitted to amortize the capitalization of debt and excessive interest expense over 20 years. Also, provisions of law calling for Farm Credit Administration approval of interest rates charged by System institutions repealed.

Note.—These provisions are the same as those of H.R. 5635, a bill passed by the House of Representatives on October 6, 1986.)

Public Law 99-522 (S. 2266)

The National Forest Ski Area Permit Act of 1986 (approved October 22, 1986).

Authorized the Secretary of Agriculture to issue ski area permits (and charge fees) for the use and occupancy of suitable lands within the National Forest System for nordic and alpine skiing operations and purposes for terms not to exceed 40 years.

Note.—H.R. 4489, the companion House bill, was referred jointly to the Committees on Agriculture and Interior and Insular Affairs. The Committee on Agriculture did not file a report. See also discussion under "5. Bills Passed by the House But Not Considered by the Senate. H.R. 4489."

Public Law 99-545 (H.R. 2921)

To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to issue permanent easements for water conveyance systems in order to resolve certain title claims (approved October 27, 1986).

Amended the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to require the Secretary of Agriculture to issue permanent easements, without reimbursement, for specified water systems in operation before October 21, 1976, that traverse National Forest System lands. Authorized the Secretary to enter and repair, and assess costs against the holder of, any easement that is allowed to deteriorate to the point of threatening persons or property, if the holder refuses to perform the repairs.

Note.—H.R. 2921 was referred sequentially to the Committee on Agriculture, which did not file a report.

Public Law 99-555 (H.R. 5496)

The Georgia Wilderness Act of 1986 (approved October 27, 1986).

Designated approximately 42,258 acres of National Forest System land in the State of Georgia as part of the National Wilderness Preservation System.

Note.—H.R. 5496 was referred jointly to the Committees on Agriculture and Interior and Insular Affairs. The Committee on Agriculture did not file a report.

Public Law 99-570 (H.R. 5484)

The Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1986 (approved October 27, 1986).

Prohibited the award of sugar quota to any country whose government is involved in the trade of illicit narcotics or fails to cooperate with the United States in narcotics enforcement activities.

Established, in title XI (the Homeless Eligibility Clarification Act), that homeless individuals will be eligible for assistance under the Food Stamp Act of 1977. Provided for a single combined application for Social Security and food stamp benefits for persons newly released from certain institutions.

Authorized, in title XV (the National Forest System Drug Control Act of 1986), the Secretary of Agriculture to take actions necessary, in connection with the administration and use of the National Forest System, to prevent the manufacture, distribution, or dispensing of marijuana and other controlled substances. Provided authority for the Secretary to designate up to 500 officers and em-

ployees of the Forest Service to carry firearms and serve certain law enforcement functions.

Public Law 99-584 (H.R. 4685)

Texas Wilderness Act Amendments of 1986 (approved October 29, 1986).

Modified the boundaries of specified wilderness areas designated by the Texas Wilderness Act of 1984. Total additional wilderness acreage amounted to approximately 1,733 acres. Allowed the grazing of livestock to continue, where previously established, in areas added to the national wilderness system by the Act.

Note.—H.R. 4685 was referred jointly to the Committees on Agriculture and Interior and Insular Affairs. The Committee on Agriculture did not file a report.

Public Law 99-594 (H.R. 5215)

To authorize the construction by the Secretary of Agriculture of a salinity laboratory at Riverside, California (approved October 31, 1986).

Authorized the appropriation of such sums as may be necessary for the planning, construction, and acquisition, by the Secretary of Agriculture, of buildings and equipment to establish a new salinity research laboratory at Riverside, California.

Public Law 99-603 (H.R. 1200)

The Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (approved November 6, 1986).

Revised provisions of law relating to the temporary admission of foreign workers where no domestic workers are available (H-2 program) and created a program for the admission of agricultural workers to work in the perishable crop industry. Permitted aliens who have resided in the United States for the last three years and worked in the perishable crop industry for at least 90 days in each of the three years to apply for temporary resident status, with adjustment to permanent status after one year. Other alien workers who have worked in the perishable crop industry for at least 90 days between May 1985 and May 1986 are made eligible for temporary resident status, with adjustment to permanent resident status after two years. "Replenishment workers" are permitted to enter the country as temporary residents after three years, if the Departments of Labor and Agriculture determine that such workers are needed. Status is to be adjusted to permanent resident status after working at least 90 days per year for three years. Replenishment program authority expires seven years after the date of enactment. Both agricultural workers and replenishment workers must reside continuously in the United States as permanent residents for five years before applying for U.S. citizenship. Both are disqualified from most forms of public assistance.

Required States to verify, through computer records of the Immigration and Nationalization Service, the legal status of aliens applying for food stamps benefits, but allowed a waiver to be granted (on the recommendation of the Secretary of Agriculture) where the verification program would not be cost effective or would be redundant.

Note.—H.R. 3810, the House companion bill, was referred sequentially to the Committee on Agriculture.

Public Law 99-641 (H.R. 4613)

The Futures Trading Act of 1986 (approved November 10, 1986).

Extended the authorization for appropriations under the Commodity Exchange Act through fiscal year 1989.

Clarified that the Act forbids fraud in connection with any futures contract, regardless of whether the fraud takes place on a regulated contract market or elsewhere.

Required the Commodity Futures Trading Commission to eliminate the pilot status of its program for commodity option transactions involving the trading of options on contract markets, and otherwise to continue to permit the trading of these commodity options.

Authorized extraterritorial service by the Commission of subpenas issued under the Act.

Authorized the Commission to request appointment of a temporary receiver when seeking an immediate freeze of assets or examination of records.

Allowed CFTC Commissioners and employees to invest in commodities as long as no nonpublic information is used and no investments are made in futures, options, or leverage contracts.

Amended CFTC procedures for review of disciplinary actions brought by a registered futures association.

Repealed a requirement that the Commission act on rules issued by a registered futures association within 30 days.

Limited the future use of leverage contracts to silver, gold, and platinum. Required the Commission to conduct a survey of individuals interested in participating in the precious metals leverage contract business.

Required the General Accounting Office to conduct a study of the effect of trading in contracts for the future delivery of live cattle on the cash market price of live cattle.

Amended the Agricultural Act of 1949 to prohibit the Secretary of Agriculture from requiring, until the 1989 and 1990 crops, compliance on a farm with the terms and conditions of any other commodity program as a condition of eligibility for loans or payments under the program for producers of extra long staple cotton.

Modified the basis for computation of emergency compensation under the 1986 wheat program. Modified the provisions of law relating to Valencia peanuts produced in the State of New Mexico to clarify the treatment of net gains on additional peanuts placed in a separate pool.

Authorized the Secretary of Agriculture to provide for one local agricultural stabilization and conservation committee in counties that had fewer than three local committees as of December 23, 1985.

Established that certain lands previously planted to alfalfa and other multiyear grasses and legumes, in a rotation practice approved by the Secretary, are eligible for inclusion in the Conservation Reserve Program.

Required the General Accounting Office to study the marketing practices used by applicants for and borrowers of farm loans made,

insured, or guaranteed under the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act.

Amended the United States Grain Standards Act to make additional declarations of congressional policy regarding grain marketing and trade. Provided that, effective May 1, 1987, no dockage or foreign material once removed from grain may be recombined with any grain, and no dockage or foreign material of any origin may be added to grain. Specified that a number of marketing and handling processes would not be prohibited. Required the Administrator of the Federal Grain Inspection Service to revise grain inspection procedures and standards to more accurately reflect levels of insect infestation. Mandated a study by the Secretary of Agriculture of the feasibility and appropriateness of adjusting Commodity Credit Corporation grain premium and discount schedules to encourage the delivery, storage, and export of high-quality, clean grain, and offer incentives to minimize offerings of lower quality grain for Commodity Credit Corporation loans. Required the Administrator of the Federal Grain Inspection Service to evaluate the effects of moving to an optimal grain grading system. Required a study of the need for and availability of uniform end-use value tests for grain. (*Note:* The grain quality provisions originated in the Senate, in its substitute amendment to the House-passed bill. The House of Representatives passed comparable grain quality legislation in another bill—H.R. 5407. The Senate took no action on H.R. 5407. See the discussion of H.R. 5407 in "5. Bills Passed by the House, But Not Considered in the Senate".)

Amended the Federal Meat Inspection Act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture, effective for six years, to conduct the required examinations and inspections of meat food products under the Act with the frequency and in the manner as the Secretary considers necessary. In determining the examination and inspection procedures to be used, the Secretary must consider, at a minimum, the nature and frequency of the processing operations at the establishment, the adequacy and reliability of processing controls and sanitary procedures at the establishment, and the history of compliance with inspection requirements by operators of the establishment. Strengthened the enforcement authorities of the Secretary of Agriculture under the Meat Inspection Act. Expressed the sense of Congress that the Secretary should carry out a program to detect residues in livestock inspected under title I of that Act, and evaluate and develop a program to trace and identify the producers of inspecterd livestock. Required an annual report to Congress by the Secretary on actions taken pursuant to the new provisions of this Act. (*Note:* The Committee favorably reported this legislation as a provision of H.R. 5300, the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986. However, those provisions were struck from the bill as a procedural matter with the adoption of the rule governing House of floor consideration.)

Public Law 99-662 (H.R. 6)

The Water Resources Development Act of 1986 (approved November 17, 1986).

Among its provisions, the legislation authorized the use of Farmers Home Administration assistance funds to pay the non-Federal share of the cost of water resource projects.

Note.—The Committee on Agriculture did not seek sequential referral of the legislation with respect to the portion of it within its jurisdiction, exchanging letters with the Committee on Public Works and Transportation instead.

Public Law 99-663 (H.R. 5705)

The Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act (approved November 17, 1986).

Established the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, and certain special management areas within the scenic area, to protect and provide for the enhancement of the resources of the Columbia River Gorge.

Authorized the establishment of the Columbia River Gorge Commission to achieve the purposes of the Act, and to facilitate cooperation between the States of Oregon and Washington, and with the United States.

Required the States of Oregon and Washington to establish the Columbia River Gorge Commission by an interstate agreement within one year after the date of enactment.

Provide that the Commission must within one year of its establishment and in cooperation with the Secretary of Agriculture, complete certain studies for use in preparing a scenic area management plan. Specifically, the Commission is required to complete a resource inventory, an economic opportunity study, and a recreation assessment. Within two years after its establishment, the Commission must develop land use designations for the use of non-Federal lands within the scenic area. Within three years after its establishment, the Commission must adopt a management plan for the scenic area.

The management plan must—

(1) protect and enhance agricultural lands for agricultural uses and allow conversion of agricultural lands to open space, recreation development, or forest lands;

(2) protect and enhance forest lands for forest uses and allow conversion of forest lands to agricultural lands, recreation development, or open spaces;

(3) protect and enhance open spaces;

(4) protect and enhance public and private recreation resources and educational and interpretive facilities and opportunities, in accordance with the recreation assessment;

(5) prohibit major development actions in special management areas, except for partitions or short plats that the Secretary determines are desirable to facilitate land acquisitions;

(6) prohibit industrial development in the scenic area outside urban areas;

(7) require that commercial development outside urban areas take place without adversely affecting the scenic, cultural, recreation, or natural resources of the scenic area;

(8) require that residential development outside urban areas take place without adversely affecting the scenic, cultural, recreation, and natural resources of the scenic area; and

(9) require that the exploration, development, and production of mineral resources, and the reclamation of lands thereafter, take place without adversely affecting the scenic, cultural, recreation, and natural resources of the scenic area.

Provided for concurrence in the management plan by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Required that the management plan be revised by the Commission at least every ten years.

Authorized the Secretary to acquire lands within certain areas as needed to achieve the purposes of the Act.

Required the Secretary to develop interim guidelines for the scenic area outside urban areas to identify land use activities that are inconsistent with the Act.

Provided for grants to be made to the States of Washington and Oregon to fund certain economic development projects.

Required restrictions be placed on the construction of water resource projects on specified rivers and streams.

Authorized adversely affected persons to commence civil actions to compel compliance with the Act.

Note.—H.R. 5705 was referred jointly to the Committees on Agriculture and Interior and Insular Affairs. Neither Committee filed a report.

Appropriations bills

There were a series of appropriation bills enacted during the 99th Congress that contained legislative provisions in which the Committee on Agriculture had a jurisdictional interest. Following is a listing of those Acts and abbreviated summaries of the agricultural legislative provisions.

Public Law 99-10 (H.R. 1239)

To make urgent supplemental appropriations in fiscal year 1985 for African famine relief (approved April 4, 1985).

Required the Secretary of Agriculture to make not more than 200,000 tons of commodities available for African relief through the donation program under section 416 of the Agriculture Act of 1949 (with a requirement that the Commodity Credit Corporation pay costs of handling and transporting the commodities) (title III).

Public Law 99-88 (H.R. 2577)

To make supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 1985 (approved August 15, 1985).

Set interest rates on Farmers Home Administration loans, at the request of the borrower, at the lower of the interest rate in effect at the time of loan approval or loan closing, with grant funds associated with such loans to be adjusted accordingly, effective November 12, 1983 (title I, chapter I).

Extended to publicly operated community health centers the treatment given drug and alcohol programs under the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (title I, chapter I).

Continued in effect through June 30, 1986, the national commodity processing program under section 203 of the Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983 (title I, chapter I).

Authorized and appropriated funds for an emergency food and shelter program under which the Commodity Credit Corporation is required to process and distribute surplus food in its stocks (title I, chapter VI).

Authorized the Secretary of Agriculture to resell certain timber subject to default under the Federal Timber Contract Payment Modification Act (title I, chapter VII).

Required the Forest Service to continue to operate equipment development facilities in California and Montana (title I, chapter VII).

Public Law 99-160 (H.R. 3038)

The HUD-independent agencies appropriations Acts for fiscal year 1986 (approved November 25, 1985).

Authorized and appropriated funds for an emergency food and shelter program under which the Commodity Credit Corporation is required to process and distribute surplus food in its stocks (title II).

Public Law 99-190 (H.J. Res. 465)

The omnibus continuing appropriations Act for fiscal year 1986 (approved December 19, 1985).

It continued, by reference, agricultural appropriations for fiscal year 1986 as follows: "to the extent and in the manner provided for" in the conference report and statement of managers (H. Rept. 99-439) on H.R. 3037, the Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 1986. (Sec. 101(a).) Among the provisions of that House report are the following:

A provision for deferral of loan repayment and foregoing of foreclosure on Farmers Home Administration loans (title I of H.R. 3707).

A provision continuing the Rural Electrification Administration electric loan requirement relating to concurrent supplemental financing (title II of H.R. 3037).

A provision imposing a maximum ($3,500) on the amount a participant may receive from the agricultural conservation program (ACP) annually (title II of H.R. 3037).

A requirement that certificates of beneficial ownership be sold by the Farmers Home Administration in amounts to cover at least 75 percent of the loans made out of the Agricultural Credit Insurance Fund, Rural Housing Insurance Fund, and Rural Development Insurance Fund during fiscal year 1986 (section 615 of H.R. 3037).

A requirement that, in fiscal year 1986, construction be initiated on at least 20 new projects under the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act and at least 5 new projects under the Flood Control Act (section 622 of H.R. 3037).

It contained, in section 101(d), the fiscal year 1986 interior appropriations act, which included the following provisions:

Repeal of subsection (e), and revision of subsection (d), of 16 U.S.C. 1606a (relating to monies in the Reforestation Trust Fund) (title II).

A provision relating to reducing the cost of timber road construction by the Forest Service (title II).

A requirement for the making of a loan for odor abatement at an ethanol-producing facility receiving assistance under the Energy Security Act (title II).

It contained, in section 107, a provision giving the General Accounting Office access to the records of Farm Credit System institutions.

Public Law 99-349 (H.R. 4515)

The Urgent Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1986 (approved July 2, 1986).

Included provisions in title I for—

(1) special deficiency payments for wheat, feed grain, upland cotton, and rice producers who were prevented from planting their 1986 crops (chapter I);

(2) prepayment of loans guaranteed by the Rural Electrification Administration (chapter I);

(3) excluding Alaska permafrost land from "swampbuster" sanctions (chapter I); and

(4) the release of a reversionary interest held by the United States in a 55-acre parcel of land in Brantley County, Georgia (chapter VII).

Public Law 99-500 (H.J. Res. 738)

The Continuing Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 1987 (approved October 18, 1986).

The legislation incorporates the entire text of the conference agreement on H.R. 5177 (agricultural appropriations) and the conference report on H.R. 5234 (interior appropriations).

Included therein are provisions—

—requiring the Commodity Credit Corporation to make available not less than $5 billion for short-term export credit guarantees and not less than $500 million for intermediate-term credit guarantees (title I of agricultural appropriations);

—for deferral of loan repayment and forgoing of foreclosure on Farmers Home Administration loans (title I of agricultural appropriations);

—continuing the Rural Electrification Administration electric loan requirement relating to concurrent supplemental financing (title II of agricultural appropriations);

—imposing a maximum ($3,500) on the amount a participant in the agricultural conservation program (ACP) may receive from the program annually (title II of agricultural appropriations);

—requiring that certificates of beneficial ownership be sold by the Farmers Home Administration in amounts to cover at least 65 percent of the loans made out of the Agricultural Credit Insurance Fund, Rural Housing Insurance Fund, and Rural Development Insurance Fund during fiscal year 1987 (section 615 of agricultural appropriations);

—requiring that, in fiscal year 1987, construction be initiated on at least 20 new projects under the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act and at least 5 new projects under the Flood Control Act (section 622 of agricultural appropriations);

—for a disaster assistance program (including disaster payments) to meet needs resulting from the drought in the southeast,

floods and excessive moisture in Michigan and Oklahoma, and other natural disasters in other States (as determined by the President). The program provides $400 million in payments, to be made in the form of negotiable commodity certificates, to producers of major program crops, including grains, cotton, rice, soybeans, sugar crops, and peanuts, and also to producers of non-supported crops. Aid is to be made available to farmers who suffered crop losses due to drought, excess moisture, or similar disasters and whose losses exceeded 50 percent of normal yields. Also, the Secretary of Agriculture is required to seek to aid disaster-stricken farmers by allowing refinancing of their Farmers Home Administration debts at the lowest available interest rate and by providing loans for 1987 crop production (section 633 of agricultural appropriations);

—relating to "separate person" status for purposes of the commodity program payment limitations (section 636 of agricultural appropriations);

—relating to contributions made by Burley tobacco producers in the no net cost fund (section 637 of agricultural appropriations);

—revising the calculation of excess shelter expense deductions, in certain cases, under the food stamp program (section 638 of agricultural appropriations);

—relating to the price support program for Valencia peanuts produced in New Mexico (section 639 of agricultural appropriations);

—extending the national Rural Development and Finance Corporation program under section 1323 of the Food Security Act of 1985 (section 641 of agricultural appropriations);

—for use of Commodity Credit Corporation surplus commodities in research on external combustion engines (section 642 of agricultural appropriations);

—relating to the eligibility of land under the conservation reserve program (section 643 of agricultural appropriations);

—relating to cross compliance under the extra-long staple cotton program (section 644 of agricultural appropriations);

—relating to local agricultural stabilization and conservation committees (section 645 of agricultural appropriations);

—expressing the sense of the Senate relating to making at least $10 million of Commodity Credit flour and cornmeal available for donations, and requiring that Commodity Credit Corporation wheat, soybeans, and dairy products be made available under section 416(b) of the Agricultural Act of 1949 (section 646 of agricultural appropriations);

—revising the provisions of the commodity program payment limitations (not agreed to in conference; see Congressional Record of October 15, 1986, H11070);

—relating to geothermal leases on national forest lands (section 115(e) of interior appropriations);

—relating to reducing the cost of timber road construction by the Forest Service (title II of interior appropriations);

—extending authority for biomass energy and alcohol loan guarantees (section 318 of interior appropriations);

—relating to appeals under the Federal Timber Contract Payment Modification Act (section 320 of interior appropriations); and

—for an REA privatization demonstration program to be implemented in Alaska (section 623 of interior appropriations and Senate amendment No. 59, as amended; see Congressional Record of October 15, 1986, H11072).

In the military construction appropriation portion of the legislation are provisions relating to the Emergency Reserve for African Famine Relief (title III).

The legislation includes a separate title III, the School Lunch and Child Nutrition Amendments of 1986, which requires the sale of notes held in the Rural Development Insurance Fund (with related provisions) and makes amendments to the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (subtitle F).

In the HUD-independent agencies appropriation portion of the bill are provisions authorizing and appropriating funds for an emergency food and shelter program under which the Commodity Credit Corporation is required to process and distribute surplus food in its stocks (title II of H.R. 5313, as passed by the House; see also the material relating to Senate amendment No. 42 to H.R. 5313 on page 21 of the Conference report on H.R. 5313 (H. Rept. 99-977)).

2. BILLS ACTED ON BY THE COMMITTEE INCLUDED IN OTHER BILLS THAT BECAME LAW

H.R. 1383, The Agricultural Productivity Act of 1985

See discusison under "1. Bills Enacted Into Law. Public Law 99-198." and "5. Bills Passed by the House But Not Considered by the Senate. H.R. 1383."

H.R. 1614, Wheat Referendum Deferral

See discussion under "1. Bills Enacted Into Law. "Public Law 99-63," and "Public Law 99-260. *Note.*" and "5. Bills Passed by the House But Not Considered by the Senate. H.R. 1614."

H.R. 2355, Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act Reauthorizaiton

See discussion under "1. Bills Enacted Into Law. Public Law 99-198." and "7. Bills Reported to the House But Not Considered. H.R. 2355."

H.R. 4079, Farm Commodity Program Adjustments

See discussion under "1. Bills Enacted Into Law. Public Law 99-260 *Note.*" and "7. Bills Reported to the House But Not Considered. H.R. 4079. *Note.*"

H.R. 4105, Farm Program Payment Yields

See discussion under "1. Bills Enacted Into Law. Public Law 99-260. *Note.*" and "7. Bills Reported to the House But Not Considered. H.R. 4105. *Note.*"

H.R. 4188, Milk Assessment Increase to Meet Budget Requirements

See discussion under "1. Bills Enacted Into Law. Public Law 99-260. *Note.*" and "7. Bills Reported to the House But Not Considered. H.R. 4188."

H.R. 5300, Processed Products Inspection Improvements Act of 1986

See discussion under "1. Bills Enacted Into Law. Public Law 99-641."

H.R. 5407, Grain Quality Improvement Act of 1986

See discussion under "1. Bills Enacted Into Law. Public Law 99-641" and "5. Bills Passed by the House But Not Considered by the Senate. H.R. 5407."

H.R. 5635, Farm Credit Act Amendments of 1986

See discussion under "1. Bills Enacted into Law. Public Law 99-509."

3. VETOED BILL

H.R. 1096—The Emergency Farm Credit Assistance Act of 1985 (title II) and the Advance Recourse Loan Act of 1985 (title III)

H.R. 1096 was initially passed by the House of Representatives on February 26, 1985, and contained provisions dealing solely with African famine relief. In amending the bill on February 27, 1985, the Senate added titles II and III, which contained provisions similar to H.R. 1035, a bill reported by the Committee on Agriculture and also passed by the House on February 27. On March 5, 1985, the House adopted the Senate amendments to H.R. 1096, sending the bill to the President. The bill was vetoed on March 7, 1985. The Senate took no further action on H.R. 1035.

Following is a description of H.R. 1096, as amended by the Senate, and comparative description of H.R. 1035, as passed by the House:

Title I would authorize appropriations of $175 million in fiscal 1985, including $137.5 million for famine relief, rehabilitation, and recovery in Africa and $37.5 million for assistance to refugees and displaced persons in Africa. It earmarked not less than 80 percent of the amount (to the extent practicable) for rehabilitation and recovery projects for grants to private and voluntary organizations and international organizations. It allocated up to 18 percent of the famine, relief, and recovery assistance for emergency health projects. It allocated up to 54 percent of the amount for migration and refugee assistance for projects to address the immediate development needs created by refugees and displaced persons in Africa. It required the President to report to Congress by September 30, 1985. It provided for Department of Defense assistance in the African relief effort.

Title II provided $100 million for an interest buy-down program under which the Government would share equally with nongovernment lenders the cost of reducing the interest rate on existing farm loans being restructured. It provided $1.85 billion in loan guarantee authority for the Department of Agriculture debt adjustment program, which provides guarantees on loans to restructure existing

farm debts that are considered substandard if the lender writes off 10 percent of the principal or an equivalent amount of interest to qualify for the program. (The House bill, H.R. 1035, did not contain the $100 million interest buy-down program; provided $3 billion instead of $1.85 billion for the debt adjustment program; and provided lenders an interest rate write-down alternative to the 10 percent write-off equipment.) The Senate bill (as in the House-passed bill) reduced the "cash-flow" eligibility requirements from 110 percent to 100 percent under the debt adjustment program and the Department of Agriculture's debt set-aside program. The Senate bill also required the Farmers Home Administration to hire additional personnel to process applications for assistance (similar to H.R. 1035); Federal bank examiners to exercise restraint in classifying farm loans; a report to Congress on Farm Credit System needs; and expressed the sense of Congress that the Small Business Administration should establish a debt set-aside program for farmers similar to that the Department of Agriculture. The Senate bill did not include provisions of H.R. 1035 for a reduced interest charge on direct operating loans to farmers in hard-hit disaster areas, haying and grazing on set-aside land, consultations regarding the availability of credit, revisions in the Farmers Home Administration approved lender program, and extension of the ethanol program.

Title III, like H.R. 1035, made advance recourse loans available to farmers on the 1985 crops. Advance loans would apply to commodities for which nonrecourse loans were made available under the commodity programs. A farmer could get an advance loan on 50 percent of his crop, but no loan could exceed $50,000. The Senate bill did not include the credit test in H.R. 1035, or the requirements that a lender agree to provide additional funds necessary to produce the crop and that loans be made only to cover costs incurred after enactment.

4. BILLS ACTED ON BY BOTH HOUSES BUT NOT ENACTED

H.R. 282, The Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act Amendments of 1986

See discussion under "5. Bills Passed by the House But Not Considered by the Senate. H.R. 2482."

5. BILLS PASSED BY THE HOUSE BUT NOT CONSIDERED BY THE SENATE

H.R. 1035, the Farm Emergency Credit Act of 1985

See the discussion under "3. Vetoed Bill" for a comparative description of H.R. 1096, as passed by Congress, and the similar provisions of H.R. 1035, as passed by the House of Representatives on February 27, 1985, but not considered by the Senate.

Note.—H.R. 1035, as reported by the Committee on Agriculture, was passed by the House of Representatives on February 27, 1985. On the same day, the Senate passed H.R. 1096, with an amendment. H.R. 1096, as received in the Senate, contained provisions relating solely to African famine relief. In amending that bill on February 27, the Senate added two new titles containing provisions comparable to H.R. 1035, as passed by the House. On March 5, 1985, the House accepted the Senate amendments to H.R. 1096. The Senate took no further action on H.R. 1035.

H.R. 1614, Wheat Referendum Deferral

As passed by the House of Representatives on June 4, 1985, H.R. 1614 would extend the time for conducting the referendum with respect to the national marketing quota for wheat for the marketing year beginning June 1, 1986.

Note.—The Senate passed S. 822, the companion bill to H.R. 1614, on June 21, 1985. The House then passed S. 822, with an amendment, on June 26, 1985; and the Senate passed S. 822, with an amendment to the House amendment, on June 27, 1985. With the House concurrence in the Senate amendment to the House amendment on the same day, S. 822 to the President and was signed into law as Public Law 99-63. For a discussion of the matters covered by Public Law 99-63 and H.R. 1614, as passed by the House, see "1. Bills Enacted Into Law. Public Law 99-63." The Senate took no action on H.R. 1614 at that time due to the use of S. 822 as the vehicle for action on the wheat referendum. However, in March 1986, the Senate took up H.R. 1614 and deleted all after the enacting clause and substituted therefor the Food Security Improvements Act of 1986. For a discussion of that bill see "1. Bills Enacted Into Law. Public Law 99-260."

H.R. 1383, the Agricultural Productivity Act of 1985

As passed by the House of Representatives on July 11, 1985, H.R. 1383 would establish a program to collect and analyze data from research projects over a five-year period on the effects of a transition from energy-intensive farming practices to systems that make use of organic-type farming methods (i.e., sod-based crop rotations, use of crop residues and organic wastes, conservation tillage and irrigation, and nonchemical methods of weed and pest control) so as to reduce production costs, conserve water and energy, and control erosion. The Secretary of Agriculture, in coordination with the Extension Service and the cooperative extension services of the States, would take the necessary steps to ensure that farmers are aware of these projects and that they are open for observation.

Appropriations of sums necessary to carry out the program would be authorized, and such funds would remain available until expended.

Note.—Although the Senate took no action on H.R. 1383, as passed by the House of Representatives, the Senate substitute amendment to H.R. 2100 included provisions substantially similar to those of H.R. 1383. Those Senate provisions of H.R. 2100 were retained in conference, and are included in Public Law 99-198. See discussion under "1. Bills Enacted Into Law. Public Law 99-198."

H. Con. Res. 185, Farmaid Concert

The resolution, approved by the House of Representatives on September 17, 1985, would express the sense of Congress in support of the efforts of the organizers of and participants in the Farmaid concert held in Champaign, Illinois, to bring the attention of the people of the United States to the needs of U.S. agriculture.

H. Con. Res. 310

As passed by the House of Representatives on May 13, 1986, H. Con. Res. 310 would express the sense of Congress that the Farm

Credit Administration and the Farm Credit System should: (1) take immediate action to help alleviate the financial difficulty being faced by many farmers who are borrowers from the System by providing those farmer-borrowers additional time to resolve their finanical problems; (2) restructure loans and classify restructured loans as performing loans as long as payments on the restructured loans are being made; (3) permit multiyear reamortization of farm loan losses; (4) compare the cost of foreclosure on troubled loans and the cost of forebearance, and use forebearance if it is less costly; and (5) consider the use of two-tiered loan restructuring as an alternative to farm foreclosure wherever feasible.

Also, the Farm Credit System would be encouraged to give System institutions more flexibility in setting interest rates to farmers at levels that reflect market conditions and that will allow System institutions to be more competitive.

H.R. 4800, The Trade and International Economic Policy Reform Act of 1986

H.R. 4800, as passed by the House of Representatives on May 22, 1986, contained a title (titled VI) consisting of provisions recommended by the Committee on Agriculture. The major provisions of title VI would (1) reorganize and upgrade offices within the Department of Agriculture to place more emphasis on long-term trade policy; (2) establish offices within the Department of Agriculture to continuously monitor unfair trade practices and to assist U.S. farmers and organizations damaged by unfair trade practices in preparing cases before the appropriate Federal relief agencies; (3) clarify the priorities under the agricultural export enhancement program to ensure eiligibility to our traditional purchasers continuing or beginning to buy U.S. commodities in quantities greater than previous levels; (4) require the Secretary of Agriculture to gather information on imports and compare the value and quantity of such imports to the production and consumption of domestically grown products; (5) express the sense of Congress that the President should seek prompt action in response to unfair trade actions employed by other trading nations; and (6) deny benefits of the Federal milk marketing program to dairies owned by foreign interests and financed by industrial development bonds.

H.R. 2436, The National Nutrition Monitoring and Related Research Act of 1986

H.R. 2436, as approved by the House of Representatives on June 26, 1986, would establish a coordinated national nutrition monitoring system and require the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Health and Human Services to act jointly in publishing dietary guidelines for U.S. consumers.

It would provide for a ten-year coordinated Nutrition Monitoring and Related Research Program operating under the joint direction of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Health and Human Services. The program would include annual reports on factors that determine the nutrition and health status of the people of the United States. The program would maintain and coordinate existing Federal efforts including the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey and the Nationwide Food Consumtion

Survey, and provide for development (by 1990) of a continuous collection and timely analysis of nutritional and dietary data. It would establish an advisory council, with seven members appointed by the President and four by Congress, to provide scientific and technical advice on the development and implementation of a coordinated program and comprehensive plan for nutrition monitoring and research. It also would direct the Secretaries of Agriculture and Health and Human Services to jointly issue and publish dietary guidelines for the general population. No other Federal agency could issue any dietary guidelines without first submitting them to the Secretaries for review.

Note.—The bill was jointly referred to the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Science and Technology. Both Committees filed reports on the bill: H. Rept. 99-481, parts I and II. In the Senate, the bill was reported by the Committee on Government Affairs (S. Rept. 99-521), but not brought to the floor.

H.R. 4489, The National Forest Ski Area Permit Act of 1986

The House of Reprsentatives passed H.R. 4489 on July 29, 1986. The bill would authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to issue ski area permits for the use and occupancy of suitable lands within the National Forest System for nordic and alpine skiing operations and purposes for the times not to exceed 40 years.

Note.—The Senate passed legislation (S. 2266) comparable to H.R. 4489 on October 9, 1986. The House adopted S. 2266 on October 10, 1986, and it was signed into law as Public Law 99-522. S. 2266 and H.R. 4489 are much the same except that the Senate bill contains provisions, not in H.R. 4489, making ski area permits subject to permit fees based on fair market value.

H.R. 5288, Emergency Disaster Assistance to Farmers

H.R. 5288, which passed the House of Representatives on August 6, 1986, would provide broadened emergency relief to farmers and ranchers devastated by drought and heat in the Southeast, and to producers in other areas hit by similar conditions or by floods, in 1986.

The bill would require the Department of Agriculture to make payments to eligible livestock and poultry producers to cover part of the cost of emergency purchasers of feed. To be eligible, a producer must have suffered a substantial loss of farm-produced feed. Payments, which could not exceed 50 percent of the cost of emergency purchases, would be made from surplus Government commodity stocks. Payments could exceed 50 percent of cost, however, if needed to make sure that drought-stricken producers did not have to pay more for their grain than foreign buyers. The Secretary of Agriculture, in emergency cases where there is a critical shortage of feed or forage needed to keep livestock or poultry alive, would be required to donate free supplies from Government-owned stocks until the temporary local shortage is relieved. Where other assistance program cannot fully meet a producers's needs for livestock feed, the Secretary of Agriculture would pay 80 percent of the cost of transporting hay supplies from surplus-producing areas into the drought region.

The Department of Agriculture would be required to make disaster payments at the options of producers, using commodity certificates instead of cash, the producers of drought-stricken 1986 crops of wheat, feed grains, upland cotton, rice, soybeans, and peanuts. The bill also included a provision designed to avoid discouraging the use of crop insurance by farmers in the future.

The bill stated the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Agriculture should use authority in existing law to defer repayments on Farmers Home Administration loans and forego foreclosure on distressed FmHA borrowers in disaster areas, and encouraged Farm Credit System and commercial lenders to adopt leninent policies in disaster areas and to join with government agencies in assistance to distressed borrowers. Also, it urged the Secretary of Agriculture to set up an overall coordinating mechanism for Federal help and to consult with State officials in drought areas.

The bill authorized a delay in payments of dairy program assessments by milk producers in drought areas. Any producer in a disaster area would be exempt, if he elected the option, from assessments between October 1, 1986, and December 31, 1986. A producer electing to suspend payments for that period would pay an increased rate later to make up for the temporary relief.

Cost-sharing payments, made with Government surplus commodities or certificates, would be provided to cover at least 50 percent of the cost of conservation measures under the Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP) to prevent expected soil erosion due to loss of vegetative cover or to replant pine trees lost to the drought under the Forestry Incentives Program (FIP). This aid would be available until March 31, 1987.

The bill would make changes in the operation of the peanut marketing quota program for the 1986 crop, and extend authority for leases and transfer of Flue-cured tobacco allotments and quotas, to provide assistance to peanut and tobacco farmers, many of whom were adversely affected by the 1986 drought.

Note.—While the Senate did not act on H.R. 5288, it included, in H.J. Res. 668 (the debt limit bill) provisions comparable to those in H.R. 5288. Congress did not complete action on H.J. Res. 688 prior to adjournment sine die. Public Law 99–500 (the Continuing Appropriations Resolution for Fiscal Year 1987) contained a provision providing emergency assistance to farmers adversely affected by natural disasters in 1986. See discussion under "1. Bills Enacted Into Law. Public Law 99–500."

H.R. 2631, The Forest Ecosystems and Atmospheric Pollution Research Act of 1986

On August 13, 1986, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 2631, which would establish a ten-year program to document the threat to forests from air pollution and plan for research and action to deal with the problem.

Under the legislation, the Secretary of Agriculture would draft a ten-year program to determine the effects of air pollution, in addition to acid precipitation, on forest ecosystem and would coordinate efforts to increase forest surveys and inventories. The program would step up existing efforts to evaluate air pollution damage in forests, would promote cooperation among Federal, State, and pri-

vate researchers, would encourage information exchanges with other countries, and plan for long-term funding of research. The Secretary would be required to produce annual reports updating information on the declining health and productivity of forests in North America and Europe, updating information on research activity, and recommending methods for solving or easing problems caused in forests by atmospheric pollution. At the end of the ten-year effort, the Secretary would be required to produce a final report with recommendations for solving or mitigating the effects of air pollution on forests.

H.R. 5407, The Grain Quality Improvement Act of 1986

H.R. 5407, which the House passed on September 22, 1986, would amend the United States Grain Standards Act to provide that, effective on May 1, 1987, dockage or any other foreign material (including dust) removed from grain could not legally be recombined with the grain from which it was removed. It also stated that no dockage or foreign material of any other origin could be added to grain. The bill specifically exempted from the prohibition a number of traditional marketing and handling processes, including: treatment of grain to kill insects; blending of grain of differing quality to adjust the quality of the resulting mixture; domestic and export sales of dockage and foreign material in the form of pellets or as part of processed livestock rations; recombining dockage or foreign material (except dust) taken out of grain at an export loading facility from grain earmarked for a single specific shipment when this is done to ensure even distribution of the material through the specific graded cargo (with the exemption ending on December 31, 1987); and returning broken grain kernels into a lot of the same kind of grain.

The bill also would direct the Department of Agriculture to study the need for and availability of uniform tests to rate the suitability of grains and soybeans for specific uses. Where tests are found to be useful and economically practical, the Federal Grain Inspection Service would be directed to adopt them as far as practicable. The agency would also be directed to issue a final rule within six months to make grain inspection standards more accurately reflect levels of insect infestation.

The bill included a requirement that the Department of Agriculture, in consultation with farmers and the grain industry, make a study of the feasiblity of adjusting its grain premium and discount schedules to encourage the delivery, storage, and export of high-quality grain.

Other provisions would: require the Secretary of Agriculture, subject to congressional appropriation of funds, to compensate farmers and grain merchants, processors, or exporters if a change in Federal grain classification results in reducing the value of grain in inventory; require the Secretary to publish and seek public comment on proposals contained in a House bill, H.R. 5354, the Optimal Grain Grading Act; and give the Secretary General discretionary power to premit the addition of foreign material to grain if the step would aid farmers and be neutral or favorable in ensuring the quality of exported grain.

Note.—While the Senate did not act on H.R. 5407, as passed by the House of Representatives, it included, in its substitute amendment to H.R. 4613, provisions comparable to those of H.R. 5407. H.R. 4613, as enacted (Public Law 99-641), included the Senate amendment with several revisions made in conference. See discussion under "1. Bills Enacted Into Law. Public Law 99-641."

The provisions of Public Law 99-641 differ from H.R. 5407 in that Public Law 99-641 does not include the H.R. 5407 provisions, (1) relating to compensation for modifications of grain classifications, and (2) specifically including dust as part of dockage or foreign material for the purposes of the prohibition against recombination. Also, under H.R. 5407 but not Public Law 99-641, the exemption applicable to grain transferred in a final sale to a domestic user or processor would expire December 31, 1987; and under H.R. 5407, that exemption did not specifically include, as does Public Law 99-641, vegetable oil products (used to suppress dust) made from such grain.

H.R. 5635, The Farm Credit Act Amendments of 1986

H.R. 5635 was passed by the House of Representatives on October 6, 1986.

Note.—While the Senate did not act on H.R. 5635, the provisions of the bill were included in Public Law 99-509 (the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986) by the Conference on that legislation. See discussion under "1. Bills Enacted Into Law. Public Law 99-509."

H.R. 5492, Release of a Reversionary Interest, Putnam County, Florida

As passed by the House on October 14, 1986, H.R. 5492 would direct the Secretary of Agriculture to release a reversionary interest of the United States in certain land located in Putnam County, Florida, and direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain mineral interests of the United States in the land.

H.R. 2482, The Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act Amendments of 1986

As passed by the House of Representatives on October 16, 1986 (as a substitute amendment to the Senate substitute amendment to the bill, as passed by the House), H.R. 2482 would speed up rechecking and reregistration of older pesticides, and extend through fiscal 1991 the authorization for appropriations under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) under which the Environmental Protection Agency regulates and registers pesticides. Registration of a pesticide following submission of evidence on its safety is required before such a product can legally be marketed.

In addition to speeding reregistration of older pesticides, the House substitute amendment also required that, for pesticides meeting current reregistration standards, residue tolerances in food products must be nationally uniform after being issued under the Federal rule-making process, with exceptions to permit States to petition for differing tolerances under designated conditions; directed the Environmental Protection Agency to protect groundwat-

er against pesticide contamination; tightened regulations on pesticide exports; and included a patent term extension provision under which, during the next 15 years, the length of a pesticide patent could be extended by the length of time that passes between the date the patent is issued and the date on which it is registered for marketing following EPA review of health and safety data.

The House substitute also contained provisions to: require public disclosure of fact sheets summarizing health, safety, and environmental data on registered pesticides; allow persons seeking to comment on pesticide registration applications to study safety data before the Environmental Protection Agency rules on a chemical; clarify procedures for dealing with State registration of pesticides for special local needs; strengthen requirements for eliminating tolerances for pesticides residues in raw farm products after a registration is cancelled or withdrawn; provide faster procedures for hearings on cancellation of pesticides following special reviews of possible adverse effects; direct the Agency to obtain data on potentially hazardous inert pesticide ingredients and to take steps needed to protect the environment; require the Agency to issue health and safety regulations for employees handling or exposed to pesticides; provide new liability protection for farmers if they follow label directions for use of pesticides; and authorize a nonbinding arbitration procedure for potential use in determining how pesticide manufacturers will be compensated when their research data on pesticides whose patents have expired are used by firms seeking registration on similar materials.

Note.—The House of Representatives initially passed H.R. 2482 on September 19, 1986. After the Senate amended the House-passed bill on October 6, 1986, the legislation was not committed to conference; and the House amended the Senate amendment on October 16, 1986. Congress adjourned sine die before further action was taken on the bill by the Senate.

6. RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY THE HOUSE

H. Res. 144, Rural Electrification Administration

H. Res. 144, which was approved by the House of Representatives on August 1, 1985, expressed the sense of the House that (1) the fiftieth anniversary of the creation of the Rural Electrification Administration should be recognized and commemorated, and (2) the Federal rural electrification program should continue to provide financing and technical assistance at a reasonable cost.

H. Res. 172, Holstein-Friesian Association

H. Res. 172, passed by the House of Representatives on May 21, 1985, expressed the sense of the House that the centennial anniversary of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America, a premier dairy cattle breed organization, should be recognized and commemorated.

7. BILLS REPORTED TO THE HOUSE BUT NOT CONSIDERED

H.R. 2355, Appropriations Authorization, FIFRA

H.R. 2355, which was reported by the Committee on Agriculture on May 15, 1985, would authorize appropriations of $68,604,200 for

activities under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act in fiscal year 1986. Of that amount, not more than $11,993,100 could be available for pesticide research activities under the Act.

Note.—The provisions of H.R. 2355 were included by the Senate in its substitute amendment to H.R. 2100, the Food Security Act of 1985. The Senate provisions were agreed to by the Conference on H.R. 2100 and included in Public Law 99-198.

H.R. 4188, Milk Assessment Increase to Meet Budget Requirements

As reported by the Committee on Agriculture on February 26, 1986, H.R. 4188 would increase, temporarily, the reduction in the price received by producers for milk to cover excess deficit reduction requirements under the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (Gramm-Rudman-Hollings).

Note.—A comparable provision was included in the Senate substitute amendment to H.R. 1614. The House accepted the Senate amendment to H.R. 1614, which was enacted as Public Law 99-260.

H.R. 4079, Farm Commodity Program Adjustments

H.R. 4079 (reported by the Committee on Agriculture on March 3, 1986) would amend the Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended by the Food Security Act of 1985 (Public Law 99-198), to restrict the authority for wheat, feed grain, upland cotton, and rice producers to plant nonprogram crops on certain permitted acres not planted to program crops. The bill would authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to permit procedures to grow nonprogram crops on the underplanted acres only under certain conditions.

H.R. 4079 also would amend the Agricultural Act of 1949 to allow certain producers of the 1986 crop of winter wheat to chose between a five or ten percent paid acreage reduction option.

The bill also would make changes in the dairy program established under the Food Security Act of 1985. Specifically, the bill would extend the signup period, and define marketing history for the purpose of evaluating bids submitted by producers and other purposes, under the milk production termination program. In addition, the bill would restrict the Secretary from considering certain cattle cross-bred for beef production in determining whether to reduce the dairy production base of producers who submit bids under the production termination program.

Note.—The Senate substitute amendment to H.R. 1614 contained provisions similar to the provisions of H.R. 4079 relating to the planting of nonprogram crops on permitted acreage not planted to program crops. The House accepted the Senate amendment to H.R. 1614, which was enacted as Public Law 99-260. See discussion under "1. Bills Enacted Into Law. Public Law 99-260."

H.R. 4105, Farm Program Payment Yields

As reported to the House of Representatives by the Committee on Agriculture on March 3, 1986, H.R. 4105 would amend the provisions of the Agricultural Act of 1949 (as added by the Food Security Act of 1985, Public Law 99-198) governing the establishment of farm program payment yields for producers of the 1986 and 1987 crops of wheat, feed grains, upland cotton, and rice.

Under the 1985 Act, as a general rule, the program yield that was to be assigned to producers for each of the 1986 and 1987 crops will be the average of the program yields assigned to farmers for each of the 1981 through 1985 crops, excluding the years with the highest and lowest program yields. This system would penalize farmers who have been able to have their program yield increased over that five-year period through gains in productivity.

H.R. 4105 would address this problem by adding a new provision to prohibit the Secretary of Agriculture from establishing the program yield for the 1986 or 1987 crop under this system at a level lower than the 1985 program yield.

The bill also would extend the period for certain producers to resubmit applications for changes in farm status.

Note.—The Senate substitute amendment to H.R. 1614 contained provisions similar to the provisions of H.R. 4105 relating to 1986 and 1987 program yields. The House accepted the Senate amendment to H.R. 1614, which was enacted as Public Law 99-260. See "1. Bills Eancted Into Law. Public Law 99-260."

H.R. 5300, The Processed Products Inspection Improvements Act of 1986

See discussion under "1. Bills Enacted Into Law. Public Law 99-641. *Note.*"

Note.—The provisions of H.R. 5300 relating to processed product inspection, as recommended by the Committee on Agriculture and reported to the House of Representatives on July 31, 1986, were not made in order for floor consideration of the bill. Thus, H.R. 5300, as passed by the House on September 24, 1986, did not contain those provisions. However, the Senate substitute amendment to H.R. 4613 included provisions that were the same as the processed product inspection provisions of H.R. 5300. The Conference on H.R. 4613 agreed to these provisions of the Senate amendment, and H.R. 4613 was enacted as Public Law 99-641.

H.R. 5242, The Agricultural Export Act of 1986

H.R. 5242, favorably reported by the Committee on Agriculture on August 2, 1986, would—

(1) require the Secretary of Agriculture, under the export enhancement program (EEP) authorized by the Food Security Act of 1985 (Public Law 99-198), effective for the period ending September 30, 1988, to (a) permit participation by all traditional foreign purchasers of U.S. agricultural commodities who, after July 30, 1986, comply with minimum purchase requirements under long-term grain agreements, and maintain trade relations with the United States, and (b) give priority to interested foreign purchasers who traditionally have purchased U.S. agricultural commodities and products and continue to purchase at historical levels, or who begin to purchase in quantities greater than the level of purchases in a previous representative period;

(2) to the maximum extent practicable, require the Secretary to use an amount of U.S. agricultural commodities and products with a cumulative value of not less than $667,000,000 to

carry out the export enhancement program during fiscal years 1986 and 1987;

(3) require the Secretary to report to Congress, by March 31, 1987, with a list of the countries that are major traditional purchasers of U.S. agricultural commodities that have not participated in the program, and information about why each listed country did not participate in the program; and

(4) allow the Secretary, on a case-by-case basis, to approve the resale or transshipment to other countries, or use for other than domestic use in the importing country, of agricultural commodities exported under the program.

Note.—H.R. 5242 was jointly referred to the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Foreign Affairs. The Committee on Foreign Affairs, on August 5, 1986, ordered the bill reported unfavorably.)

8. BILLS DEFEATED IN THE HOUSE

None.

D. LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES

The Committee on Agriculture and its subcommittees were active in their oversight functions, holding a number of oversight hearings both in the field and in Washington, D.C., during the course of the 99th Congress. The hearings related to the application, administration, and effectiveness of laws that lie within the Committee's jurisdiction as well as the organization and operation of the Federal agencies having responsibility for the administration of such laws. The hearings often resulted in recommendations for improvements in the administration of the laws. Information gathered at these hearings was later useful in preparing legislation.

As part of its hearings on virtually every bill, the Committee and its subcommittees review the way the particular agency (usually the Department of Agriculture) administers existing laws related to the subject matter of the legislation before the Committee. In some cases, legislation favorably reported to the House carries a termination date to ensure that in the future Congress will again review the effectiveness and the methods with which the Executive Branch of Government has carried out the letter and the spirit of that statute.

The full Committee began its work in the 99th Congress with a hearing on February 21, 1985, concerning the general economic conditions in agriculture and the Department of Agriculture's fiscal year 1986 budget proposals. The purpose of the hearing was to obtain the views of the Administration, with testimony from the Secretary of Agriculture, on the future of agriculture and the specific problems that must be confronted, such as farm income, farm credit, and agricultural trade (with a view toward drafting the 1985 farm bill), and the fiscal year 1986 budget recommendations of the Department.

On March 5, 1985, the Committee held a hearing to receive testimony from farmers visiting Washington, D.C. This hearing allowed farmers to voice their concerns to Congress on the general situation in the farm economy and submit proposals for the 1985 farm bill. Testimony from farmers and farm organizations included pro-

posals on modifying existing legislation and new legislation. Many diverse proposals and approaches were offered by the witnesses.

The full Committee hearing held on October 29, 1985, was to receive testimony from the Department of Agriculture on the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings deficit reduction bill that was pending in a Senate-House conference. Department officials testified on how the spending reductions mandated in the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings bill would be implemented in agricultural and nutrition programs. The members of the Committee questioned the Department representatives about the specifics of how a reduction would be triggered and its effect on specific programs.

In the second session of the 99th Congress, the Committee scheduled a hearing on January 29, 1986, to receive additional testimony on the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings deficit reduction procedures, focusing on the fiscal year 1986 sequestration. The Committee questioned Department officials on how its powers under sequestration would be applied to specific agricultural and nutrition programs. The members specifically explored the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings budget cuts for fiscal 1986 on price and income supports for 1986 crops and on other Department programs ranging from conservation to meat and poultry inspection.

The final oversight hearing of the 99th Congress was held by the full Committee on October 2, 1986, in Washington, D.C., to review the general agricultural situation. The Committee heard testimony from members of Congress, Department of Agriculture officials, various farm and commodity organizations, and conservation groups. Testimony concerned the functioning of current agricultural policies, the effect of domestic and international development on the 1985 farm bill (the Food Security Act of 1985), and the garnering of information that would assist in future policy evaluation.

The subcommittees of the Committee on Agriculture also conducted oversight hearings. The Subcommittee on Department Operations, Research, and Foreign Agriculture began its oversight functions with a hearing on April 4, 1985, concerning the competitiveness of U.S. agricultural exports. The subcommittee heard testimony from Department of Agriculture officials, commodity organizations, and Congressmen on such matters as the cost of producing crops in countries that are major export competitors and the domestic and export subsidies offered to producers in those countries.

The subcommittee conducted a field hearing in Mason City, Iowa, on May 31, 1985, concerning the effect of Federal tax policies on agriculture. Testimony not only concerned the effect of the tax code in putting family farmers at a disadvantage with outside investors who may disproportionately benefit from farm-related tax provisions but also concerned the tax consequences faced by farmers who must dissolve their operations.

A review of the export enhancement program announced by the Department of Agriculture was conducted in three days of hearings held on October 8, October 10, and November 5, 1985. Testimony from commodity organizations, Department officials, and the General Accounting Office was heard by the subcommittee. On April 10, 1986, the subcommittee conducted another hearing on export issues. Testimony reviewing the export initiatives in the Food Secu-

rity Act of 1985 was heard in order to ascertain programs that would help reverse the slump occurring in farm exports.

On July 24, 1986, a hearing of the subcommittee to review the grain storage situation was held in which witnesses testified on the predicted lack of grain storage. In September 1986, the subcommittee met and received updates from the General Accounting Office on agricultural trade reports. The reports contained information on the export enhancement program, the foreign market development cooperator program, export credit programs, and bilateral agreements and countertrade. Testimony was also received on the preliminary round of multilateral trade talks held in Uruguay.

The Subcommittee on Department Operations, Research, and Foreign Agriculture also held two joint hearings. The first was held jointly with the Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry Subcommittee on October 30, 1985, to review the U.S. International Trade Commission's decision on imports of swing and pork products from Canada. The ITC decision provided for countervailing duties on live hogs but not on pork products.

The second joint hearing was held on April 29, 1986, with the Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight of the Committee on Science and Technology to review Federal regulations of biotechnology and to consider the issue of whether biotechnological products are being developed and used in a safe manner. Testimony focused on the events surrounding the licensing of a genetically engineered veterinary drug (a vaccine called OMNIVAC) that prevents pseudorabies.

The Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, and Rural Development conducted a number of hearings during the 99th Congress, both in Washington, D.C., and in the field, to review credit conditions as well as the operations of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

The subcommittee began its oversight on March 20, 1985, and reviewed the regulations promulgated by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission of trading in off-exchange instruments. Testimony specifically addressed two issues: leverage transactions and dealer options.

The subcommittee then held a series of hearings to review the current problems in agricultural credit, especially those in the Cooperative Farm Credit System. The hearings held on September 11 and 12, 1985, concerned testimony from elected officials, agricultural-related organizations, farmers, and officials of the production credit associations and Federal land bank associations. On October 30 and 31, 1985, the subcommittee heard from the Farm Credit Administration, officials of the Farm Credit System, commerical bankers associations, and others. These hearings were designed to delineate the extent of the problems in agricultural credit and to provide the subcommittee with options for dealing with these problems.

The subcommittee opened the second session of the 99th Congress with a hearing on February 6, 1986, to review credit availability, delinquent loan servicing, and lending policies of the Farmers Home Administration. They also reviewed the progress of the Department of Agriculture in implementing credit provisions of the 1985 farm bill. Officials from the Department of Agriculture, in-

cluding the Farmers Home Administration, testified on these issues.

The Subcommittee continued along this vein hearing on September 16, 1986 when it reviewed the debt collection policies of the Farmers Home Administration. The subcommittee questioned Mr. Vance L. Clark, Administrator, Farmers Home Administration, on the purpose and motivation behind the agency's decision to turn over the accounts of delinquent borrowers to a collection agency.

The subcommittee held two days of hearings on reauthorization of appropriations under the Commodity Exchange Act. On March 18 and 19, 1986, the subcommittee heard from a broad spectrum of witnesses who represented the various views on reauthorization.

On April 16, 1986, the subcommittee reviewed the operations of the Rural Electrification Administration and the effect of the budget on the phasing out and privatization of that agency. Department of Agriculture officials, including the REA Administrator, testified on the issues.

The subcommittee held field hearings in Blackfoot and Twin Falls, Idaho, on August 26, 1986. The hearing concerned programs and actions that could revitalize rural Idaho and other areas across the country. The subcommittee heard testimony from farmers, government officials, farm lenders, farm organizations, businessmen, and universities. They addressed issues dealing with the crisis in rural United States.

The subcommittee, on August 14, 1986, held a hearing to review the implementation of section 1324 of the Food Security Act of 1985, commonly known as the "clear title" provision. Testimony from Department of Agriculture officials, banking representatives, livestock associations, and others was heard on the various aspects of this issue.

The subcommittee concluded its oversight activities on September 23, 1986, when General Accounting Office reported on the management decisions of the Federal crop insurance program. The report examined whether management decisions of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation were based on complete and accurate information with adequate analysis and documentation to support its decisions.

The Subcommittee on Domestic Marketing, Consumer Relations, and Nutrition held oversight hearings on hunger in the United States. On March 7, 1986, the subcommittee held a field hearing in Detroit, Michigan. Witnesses testified on how Federal program changes would affect the ability of State and local governments well as private and nonprofit organizations to meet the food assistance demands of low-income households. They also testified about the current level of nutritional services available in their area, their familiarity with nutritional case studies, the health consequences of hunger, and practical methods by which program administration and coordination might be improved.

The subcommittee, on April 16, 1986, held an oversight hearing to review the President's fiscal year 1987 budget proposals for the food stamp program, the temporary emergency food assistance program, the commodity supplemental food program, and related nutrition programs. Witnesses testifying included congressmen, administrators of the Food and Nutrition Service, State and local offi-

cials administering the programs, nonprofit organizations, and GAO officials.

The subcommittee reviewed the Department of Agriculture's proposed fiscal sanctions against States under the food stamp program on May 15, 1986. The hearing concerned the quality control program under which the Secretary of Agriculture is required to withhold administrative funds from States that have error rates in issuing food stamp benefits that are above levels Congress has established as acceptable. Also discussed at this hearing was the procedure for resolving Federal-State disputes in the food stamp program.

The subcommittee conducted oversight hearings on the temporary emergency food assistance program and the commodity supplemental food program on July 29, 1986. The review of the programs concerned the effectiveness of the programs, ideas to improve the programs, and policy and regulatory provisions that affect the programs.

The subcommittee's final oversight hearing was held on September 26, 1986, and concerned the employment and training proposals that could affect food stamp recipients. This hearing dealt with methods of providing welfare recipients capable of work the opportunity to work and programs for providing employment and training to welfare recipients.

The Subcommittee on Forests, Family Farms, and Energy exercised its oversight responsibility in conducting hearings on February 26, 1985, and June 5, 1985, in reviewing the economics of Federal timber sales. During the first day of hearings, officials of the Department of Agriculture, including the Forest Service, offered their perspectives on below-cost timber sales. This was followed by testimony on the issue by representatives of the forest products industry, the conservation community, and other natural resource interests.

A field hearing in Poteau, Oklahoma, was held on January 7, 1986, to investigate the possibility of giving wilderness designation to a portion of the Ouchita National Forest. Witnesses testifying included public officials, forest products industry representatives, and conservation, wildlife, and environmental interests.

The subcommittee concluded its oversight activities with two days of hearings on August 13, and September 23, 1986. The hearings reviewed the Nation's forest management and research needs. Witnesses representing the forest products industry, oil and mining interests, national conservation organizations, State forestry, fish, and wildlife agencies, natural resource management professionals, and forestry schools gave testimony on the first day concerning the Nation's natural resource supplies and projected demand and the use of this information to formulate a program to guide forest management and research programs. The second hearing provided the Administration an opportunity to present its program and its projections for the future of the Nation's forest lands.

The Subcommittee on Cotton, Rice, and Sugar held an oversight hearing on October 1, 1986, during which it reviewed the Japanese policy concerning the importation of rice and a petition filed by the U.S. Rice Millers' Association seeking equal access to the Japanese market.

The Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry met on March 27, 1986, to review the national effect of the dairy diversion program under the Food Security Act of 1985. Testimony from a broad cross section of interests was heard.

On May 21, 1985, the subcommittee met to determine the effect on the dairy industry of the 50 cents-per-hundredweight dairy support price cut implemented on April 1, 1985, by the Secretary of Agriculture.

The subcommittee also conducted a joint hearing, on October 30, 1985, with the Department Operations, Research, and Foreign Agriculture Subcommittee to review the U.S. International Trade Commission's decision on imports of swine and pork products from Canada.

The subcommittee reviewed the Egg Products Inspection Act on November 21, 1985. Testimony concerning the use of mass egg-breaking machines was heard from all facets of industry including restaurant associations, bakeries, and hotels, along with members of Congress, health officials, consumer groups, and others.

The subcommittee began its oversight activities in the second session with a field hearing in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, on March 26, 1986, to review the economic status of livestock and dairy producers and the effect of the milk termination program. The testimony given focused on the implementation of the dairy program and its effect on the dairy industry.

On April 10, 14, and 29, 1986, the subcommittee held hearings on a wide range of issues related to the effects of specific provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985. The witnesses testified on section 105 and 106 of the Food Security Act relating to domestic casein in production and the report prepared by the Department of Agriculture on the effect of foreign imports of casein on both the domestic industry and the dairy price support program. Testimony was heard from various witnesses concerning foreign investment in the U.S. dairy industry, the orderly marketing provisions of the Food Security Act, and the rules and regulations that require dairy farmers who participate in the mild production termination program to brand their cattle on the cheek.

The subcommittee met on June 11, 1986, to review issues surrounding use of bovine growth hormones.

The oversight activities of the subcommittee were concluded with a hearing on September 10, 1986, to review the status of the milk production termination program and the effect it has had on the domestic red meat industry. Testimony from Department of Agriculture officials, cattle producer associations, and economists was heard.

The Subcommittee on Tobacco and Peanuts conducted oversight activities on November 1, 1985. The hearing reviewed the tobacco quota referendum, the Agricultural Marketing Service's investigation of illegal seed exports, and problems related to nonauction warehouse sales of tobacco. Testimony was heard from Department of Agriculture officials concerning these issues.

The subcommittee concluded its oversight activities on May 5, 1986, by reviewing the effects of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (Gramm-Rudman-Hollings) on the tobacco and peanut price support programs. Witnesses also testified

on the determination of 1986 Flue-cured and Burley tobacco quotas as well as nonauction sales of tobacco.

Oversight hearings, 99th Congress—Chronological Listing

February 21, 1985: Economic Conditions in Agriculture and Fiscal Year 1986 Department of Agriculture Budget Proposals (Secretary John R. Block). Full Committee.

February 26, June 5 and 6, 1985: Economics of Federal Timber Sales. Forests, Family Farms, and Energy Subcommittee.

March 5, 1985: General Farm Bill of 1985 (General Agricultural Situation). Full Committee.

March 20, 1985: Regulation and Trading of Leverage Contracts and Dealer Options. Conservation, Credit, and Rural Development Subcommittee.

April 16, 1985: U.S. Export Competitiveness. Department Operations, Research, and Foreign Agriculture Subcommittee.

May 21, 1985: U.S. Department of Agriculture Implementation of the April 1, 1985, Reduction in the National Support Price for Milk. Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry Subcommittee.

May 31, (Mason City, Iowa), 1985: Tax Laws and Their Impact on Agriculture. Department Operations, Research, and Foreign Agriculture.

September 11, 12, October 30, 31, 1985: Agricultural Credit Conditions. Conservation, Credit, and Rural Development Subcommittee.

October 8, 10, and November 5, 1985: Review of the Export Enhancement Program Announced by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Department Operations, Research, and Foreign Agriculture Subcommittee.

October 29, 1985: Effects of Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 on U.S. Department of Agriculture Programs (Gramm-Rudman-Hollings). Full Committee.

October 30, 1985: Review of the U.S. International Trade Commission Decision on Imports of Swine and Pork Products from Canada. Department Operations, Research, and Foreign Agriculture Subcommittee jointly with Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry Subcommittee.

November 1, 1985: Review of Tobacco Quota Referendum; Agricultural Marketing Service Investigation of Illegal Seed Exports; and Problems Related to Nonauction Warehouse Sales of Tobacco. Tobacco and Peanuts Subcommittee.

November 21, 1985: Review of the Egg Products Inspection Act. Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry Subcommittee.

January 7 (Poteau, Oklahoma), 1986: Wilderness Issues in the State of Oklahoma. Forests, Family Farms, and Energy Subcommittee.

January 29, 1986: Effects of Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 on U.S. Department of Agriculture Programs (Gramm-Rudman-Hollings). Full Committee.

February 6, 1986: Review of Credit Availability, Delinquent Loan Servicing, and Lending Policies of the Farmers Home Administration; and Implementation of Credit Provisions of the 1985 Farm Bill. Conservation, Credit, and Rural Development Subcommittee.

March 7 (Detroit, Michigan), April 16 (Washington, D.C.), 1986: Review of President's Fiscal Year 1987 Budget Proposals for the

Food Stamp Program, the Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program, the Commodity Supplemental Food Program, and Related Nutrition Programs. Domestic Marketing, Consumer Relations, and Nutrition Subcommittee.

March 18, 19, 1986: Reauthorization of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. Conservation, Credit, and Rural Development Subcommittee.

March 26 (Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania), 1986: Review of the Economic Status of Livestock and Dairy Producers and the Impact of the Milk Producer Termination Program. Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry Subcommittee.

April 10, 1986: Review of Export Initiatives in the Food Security Act of 1985. Department Operations, Research, and Foreign Agriculture Subcommittee.

April 10, 14, 1986: Casein and Milk Protein Product Imports; New Dairy Producing Facilities in the United States of Foreign-Based Corporations; U.S. Department of Agriculture Implementation of the Orderly Marketing Provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985; and Cheek Branding in the Milk Production Termination Program. Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry Subcommittee.

April 16, 1986: Review of Operations of the Rural Electrification Administration. Conservation, Credit, and Rural Development Subcommittee.

April 22, 1986: Review of Status of Regulations Relating to Certification of Pesticides Used on Imported Tobacco. Tobacco and Peanuts Subcommittee.

April 29, 1986: USDA Licensing of a Genetically Altered Veterinary Vaccine. Department Operations, Research, and Foreign Agriculture Subcommittee (jointly with Science and Technology Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight).

May 8, 1986: Effects of Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 on the Tobacco and Peanut Price Support Programs; Determination of 1986 Flue-Cured and Burley Quotas; and the Issue of Nonauction Sales. Tobacco and Peanuts Subcommittee.

May 15, 1986: Review of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Proposed Fiscal Sanctions Against States Under the Food Stamp Program. Domestic Marketing, Consumer Relations, and Nutrition Subcommittee.

June 11, 1986: Review of Status and Potential Impact of Bovine Growth Hormone. Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry Subcommittee.

July 24, 1986: Review of Grain Storage Situation. Department Operations, Research, and Foreign Agriculture Subcommittee.

July 29, 1986: Review of Commodity Distribution Programs. Domestic Marketing, Consumer Relations, and Nutrition Subcommittee.

August 13 and September 23, 1986: Review of Nation's Forest Management Research Needs (1985 Renewable Resources Planning Act). Forests, Family Farms, and Energy Subcommittee.

August 14, 1986: Review of Implementation of the Clear Title Provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985. Conservation, Credit, and Rural Development Subcommittee.

August 26 (Blackfoot and Twin Falls, Idaho), 1986: Revitalizing Rural Idaho Communities. Conservation, Credit, and Rural Development Subcommittee.

September 10, 1986: Impact of the Milk Production Termination Program on the Red Meat Industry; and a Legislative Proposal to Provide Restitution for the Cattle Industry. Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry Subcommittee.

September 16, 1986: Review of the Debt Collection Policies of the Farmers Home Administration. Conservation, Credit, and Rural Development Subcommittee.

September 23, 1986: Review of GAO Report on the Management Decisions of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation. Conservation, Credit, and Rural Development Subcommittee.

September 26, 1986: Review of Employment and Training Proposals Which Could Affect Food Stamp Recipients. Domestic Marketing, Consumer Relations, and Nutrition Subcommittee.

September 29, 1986: Review of GAO Reports on U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Trade Programs; and Summary of Trade Sessions Held in Uruguay. Department Operations, Research, and Foreign Agriculture Subcommittee.

October 1, 1986: Review of Japan's Policy Concerning the Importation of Rice, Including a Petition Filed by the U.S. Rice Miller's Association. Cotton, Rice, and Sugar Subcommittee.

October 2, 1986: Review of General Agricultural Situation. Full Committee.

E. WATERSHED PROJECTS-HEARINGS AND ACTION TAKEN

Big Creek-Hurricane Creek, Missouri

July 21, 1986—Referred to Committee by Executive Communication 3902.

July 28, 1986—Referred to Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, and Rural Development.

August 13, 1986—Open hearing, Serial 99-48, and open business meeting. Approved without objection.

September 11, 1986—Open business meeting, Full Committee. Approved without objection.

South Fork, Kansas

July 21, 1986—Referred to Committee by Executive Communication 3903.

July 28, 1986—Referred to Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, and Rural Development.

August 13, 1986—Open hearing, Serial 99-48, and open business meeting. Approved without objection.

September 11, 1986—Open business meeting, Full Committee. Approved without objection.

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Regulation and trading of leverage contracts and dealer options. Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, and Rural Development. Mar. 20, 1985. Serial 99-3.

Economics of Federal timber sales. Subcommittee on Forests, Family Farms, and Energy. Feb. 26; June 5, 6, 1986. Serial 99-4.

General farm bill of 1985. Part 1-8. Serial 99-5.

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Part 2. Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, and Rural Development. Conservation, Credit, and Rural Development Programs. Mar. 26 (H.R. 1000, H.R. 1217, and H.R. 1591), 29 (St. Pauls, N.C.); Apr. 4; May 13 (Westminster, Md.), 1985.

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Reauthorization of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, and Rural Development. Mar. 18, 19, 1986. Serial 99-23.

Agricultural provision proposals to omnibus trade legislation. Full Committee. April 15, 1986. Serial 99-24.

Examination of current agricultural credit conditions; and review of legislative proposals to assist agricultural producers and rural lenders. (H.R. 3868 and Titles II and III of H.R. 4267.) Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, and Rural Development. Apr. 9, 1986. Serial 99-25.

Review of President's fiscal year 1987 budget proposals for the Food Stamp Program, the Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program, the Commodity Supplemental Food Program, and related nutrition programs. Subcommittee on Domestic Marketing, Consumer Relations, and Nutrition. Mar. 7 (Detroit, MI); Apr. 16, 1986. Serial 99-26.

Review the effects of acid deposition and other air pollutants on forest productivity; Forest Ecosystems and Atmospheric Pollution Research Act of 1985; and the Endangered Forest Research Act of 1985. (H.R. 2631 and H.R. 2963.) Subcommittee on Forests, Family Farms, and Energy. May 13, 1986. Serial 99-27.

Review of Export Initiatives in the Food Security Act of 1985. Subcommittee on Department Operations, Research, and Foreign Agriculture. Apr. 10, 1986. Serial 99-28.

Review the status of regulations relating to certification of pesticides used on imported tobacco. Subcommittee on Tobacco and Peanuts. Apr. 22, 1986. Serial 99-29.

Effects of Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 on the tobacco and peanut price support programs; Determination of 1986 flue-cured and burley quotas; and the issue of nonauction sales. Subcommittee on Tobacco and Peanuts. May 8, 1986. Serial 99-30.

Review of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's proposed fiscal sanctions against States under the Food Stamp Program. Subcommittee on Domestic Marketing, Consumer Relations, and Nutrition. May 15, 1986. Serial 99-31.

Hunger Relief Act of 1986. (H.R. 4990) Joint Hearing. Subcommittee on Domestic Marketing, Consumer Relations, and Nutrition of the Committee on Agriculture; Subcommittee on Elementary, Secondary, and Vocational Education and Human Resources of the Committee on Education and Labor; Subcommittee on Science, Research, and Technology of the Committee on Science and Technology; and Select Committee on Hunger. June 25, 1986. Serial 99-32.

USDA licensing of a genetically altered veterinary vaccine. Joint Hearing. Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight of the Committee on Science and Technology; and Subcommittee on Department Operations, Research, and Foreign Agriculture of the Committee on Agriculture. April 29, 1986. Serial 99-33.

Columbia River Gorge Act of 1986; and Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area Act. (H.R. 4114, H.R. 4134, H.R. 4161, H.R. 4221.) Subcommittee on Forests, Family Farms, and Energy. Aug. 1 (Stevenson, WA) 1986. Serial 99-34.

Review of Implementation of the Clear Title Provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985. Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, and Rural Development. Aug. 14, 1986. Serial 99-35.

Review of grain storage situation. Subcommittee on Department Operations, Research, and Foreign Agriculture. July 24, 1986. Serial 99-36.

Agriculture Export Act of 1986; Receive reports on U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural trade programs; and summary of trade sessions held in Uruguay. Subcommittee on Department Operations, Research, and Foreign Agriculture. (H.R. 5242.) July 29; Sept. 29, 1986. Serial 99-37.

Authorize construction by the Secretary of Agriculture of a salinity laboratory at Riverside, California. (H.R. 5215). Subcommittee on Department Operations, Research, and Foreign Agriculture. Sept. 24, 1986. Serial 99-38.

Review of commodity distribution programs. Subcommittee on Domestic Marketing, Consumer Relations, and Nutrition. July 29, 1986. Serial 99-39.

Revitalizing rural Idaho communities. Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, and Rural Development. Aug. 26 (Blackfoot and Twin Falls, ID), 1986. Serial 99-40.

Review of Grain Quality Issues and Legislation to amend the Grain Standards Act. Joint Hearing. Subcommittee on Wheat, Soybeans, and Feed Grains; and Department Operations, Research, and Foreign Agriculture. (H.R. 455, H.R. 1206, H.R. 3944, H.R.

4139, H.R. 4605, H.R. 4717.) July 21 (Urbana, IL); Aug. 5, 1986. Serial 99-41.

Review of Nation's Forest Management and Research Needs (1985 Renewable Resources Planning Act). Subcommittee on Forests, Family Farms, and Energy. Aug. 13; Sept. 23, 1986. Serial 99-42.

Review of employment and training proposals which could affect food stamp recipients. Subcommittee on Domestic Marketing, Consumer Relations, and Nutrition. Sept. 26, 1986. Serial 99-43.

Review of debt collection policies of the Farmers Home Administration. Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, and Rural Development. Sept. 16, 1986. Serial 99-44.

Review the Implementation of the Farm Credit Amendments Act of 1985; GAO report assessing the financial condition of the Farm Credit System; and the Farm Credit System Borrower Interest Rate Relief Act of 1986. (H.R. 5497). Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, and Rural Development. Sept. 18, 1986. Serial 99-45.

Review of operations of the Rural Electrification Administration. Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, and Rural Development. Apr. 16, 1986. Serial 99-46.

Receive the GAO report on the management decisions of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation. Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, and Rural Development. Sept. 23, 1986. Serial 99-47.

South Fork Watershed, KS, and Big Creek-Hurricane Creek Watershed, MO. Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, and Rural Development. Aug. 13, 1986. Serial 99-48.

Review of Japan's policy concerning the importation of rice including a petition filed by the U.S. Rice Millers' Association. Subcommittee on Cotton, Rice, and Sugar. Oct. 1, 1986. Serial 99-49.

Casein and milk protein product imports; New dairy producing facilities in the United States of foreign based corporations; U.S. Department of Agriculture's implementation of the orderly marketing provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985; Cheek Branding in the Milk Production Termination Program; and Processed Products Inspection Improvement Act. (H.R. 4683). Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry. Mar. 26; Apr. 10, 14, 29; Sept. 10, 1986. Serial 99-50.

Review of status and potential impact of bovine growth hormone. Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry. June 11, 1986. Serial 99-51.

Review of general agricultural situation. Full Committee. Oct. 2, 1986. Serial 99-52.

I. MEETINGS NOT PRINTED

This list contains those meetings, both open and closed, that are not listed elsewhere in the Calendar of the Committee on Agriculture, nor printed, because they pertain to general subject matter or to legislation not referred to the Committee.

Full Committee. Open business meeting. Organizational meeting. Jan. 31, 1985.

Ad Hoc Subcommittee on the Budget. Open business meetings. To consider FY 1986 USDA budget proposals. Feb. 26, 28; Mar. 6, 7, 1985.

Full Committee. Open business meeting. To consider recommendations of the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on the budget. Mar. 7, 1985.

Ad Hoc Task Force on Reconciliation. Informal meetings. To consider savings options for farm bill and reconciliation for recommendation to the full Committee. Sept. 5, 9, 10, 1985.

Subcommittee on Forests, Family Farms, and Energy. Open hearing. H.R. 2976, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to release the condition requiring that a parcel of land conveyed to New York State be used for public purposes and to convey United States mineral interests in the parcel to New York State. Nov. 13, 1985.

Subcommittee on Tobacco and Peanuts. Open business meeting. To review tobacco regulations in the 1985 farm bill; end user amendment; tobacco pesticide amendment; blending; remarking of stabilization's containers; 1986 tobacco assessment; effects of Gramm-Rudman-Hollings on tobacco. Mar. 13, 1986.

Subcommittee on Tobacco and Peanuts. Open business meeting. To review peanut section of 1985 farm bill and peanut regulations. Mar. 18, 1986.

Ad Hoc Reconciliation Task Force. Informal meetings. To consider reconciliation recommendations pursuant to the Concurrent Budget Resolution for fiscal year 1987. July 17, 22, 1986.

Full Committee. Open business meeting. To consider recommendations of the Ad Hoc Reconciliation Task Force pursuant to the Concurrent Budget Resolution for fiscal year 1987. July 23, 1986.

III. Appendix

A. EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

213—January 3, 1985; letter from the Deputy U.S Trade Representative, Office of the U.S Trade Representative transmitting the biannual report on the operation and effect of the International Sugar Agreement, 1977, pursuant to P.L. 96-236, Sec. 5; E.O. 12224. (Referred jointly to Committees on Agriculture and Ways and Means.)

226—January 3, 1985; letter from the Comptroller General of the United States transmitting a report entitled, "Examination of the rural Telephone Bank's Financial Statements for the Year ended September 30, 1983," (GAO/AFMD-84-72, September 28, 1984), pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9106(a). (Referred jointly to Committees on Government Operations and Agriculture.)

230—January 3, 1985; letter from the Comptroller General of the United States transmitting a report entitled "U.S Sweetener/Sugar Issues and Concerns" (GAO/RCED-85-19, November 15, 1984). (Referred jointly to Committees on Government Operations, Agriculture and Ways and Means.)

270—January 3, 1985; letter from the Acting Under Secretary for International Affairs and Commodity Programs, Department of Agriculture transmitting the second quarterly commodity and country allocation table, pursuant to the Act of July 10, 1954, ch. 469, Sec. 408(b) (91 Stat. 552; 94 Stat. 2246; E.O. 11963). (Referred jointly to Committees on Agriculture and Foreign Affairs.)

271—January 7, 1985; letter from the Deputy U.S Trade Representative transmitting the biannual report on the operation and effect of the International Sugar Agreement, 1977, pursuant to P.L.

96-236, Sec. 5; E.O. 12224. (Referred jointly to Committees on Agriculture and Ways and Means.)

274—January 7, 1985; letter from the Department of Energy transmitting a quarterly report on Biomass Energy Alcohol Fuels, July to September, 1984, pursuant to P.L. 96-296, Sec. 218(a). (Referred jointly to Committees on Agriculture, Energy and Commerce, and Science and Technology.)

368—January 21, 1985; letter from the Secretary of Energy transmitting an annual report from the Office of Alcohol Fuels, pursuant to P.L. 96-294, Sec. 218(c)(1). (Referred jointly to Committees on Agriculture and Energy and Commerce.)

562—February 19, 1985; letter from the Secretary of Agriculture transmitting the annual evaulation, progress, guidelines, and estimates for the renewable forest resource program, pursuant to P.L. 93-378, Sec. 6(c) (90 Stat. 2952) and Sec. 8(c) and (d) (90 Stat. 2950, 2951; 92 Stat. 374). (Referred jointly to Committees on Agriculture and Interior and Insular Affairs.)

608—Febraury 25, 1985; letter from Secretary of the Agriculture transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled: "Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1985". (Referred jointly to Committees on Agriculture, Foreign Affairs, and Ways and Means.) (H.R. 1420.)

639—March 4, 1985; letter from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency transmitting the annual report on conditional registration of pesticides for Fiscal Year 1984, pursuant to the Act of June 25, 1947, ch. 125, Sec. 29 (92 Stat. 838).

640—March 4, 1985; letter from the Secretary of Agriculture transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to amend section 8(b) of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act to improve procedures for the selection of ASCS county and local committees. (H.R. 542.)

694—March 6, 1985; letter from the Secretary of Agriculture transmitting the annual report on the Food for Peace program, pursuant to the Act of July 10, 1954, ch. 469, Sec. 408(a) (80 Stat. 1537; 89 Stat. 854; 95 Stat. 1282 E. O. 11963). (Referred jointly to Committee on Agriculture and Foreign Affairs.)

846—March 25, 1985; letter from the President of the United States transmitting a report stating the extent to which the stated soil and water conservation programs and policies are met in the budget, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 2006(b). (H.Doc. 99-43.)

901—March 28, 1985; letter from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to amend and extend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act as amended, for two years. (H.R. 2355.)

970—April 3, 1985; letter from the Secretary of Agriculture transmitting revised regulations governing operations under title I of the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as published in the Federal Register on January 23, 1985, pursuant to the Act of July 10, 1054, ch. 469, Sec. 408(d) (91 Stat. 957). (Referred jointly to Committees on Agrculture and Foreign Affairs.)

1022—April 15, 1985; letter from the Secretary of Agriculture transmitting the third quarterly commodity and country allocation table showing current programming plans for food assistance under Title I/III of Public Law 480 for fiscal year 1985, pursuant to the Act of July 10, 1954, ch. 469, Sec. 408(b) (91 Stat. 552; 94 Stat. 2246;

E. O. 11963). (Referred jointly to Committees on Agriculture and Foreign Affairs.)

1028—April 16, 1985; letter from the Secretary of Agriculture transmitting the fiscal year 1984 annual Animal Welfare Enforcement Report, pursuant to P.L. 89-544, Sec. 25 (84 Stat. 1565).

1029—April 16, 1985; letter from the Secretary of Agriculture transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to amend and extend the authorization of the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended. (H.R. 2559.)

1089—April 22, 1985; letter from the Comptroller General of the United States transmitting a report on the overview and perspectives on the Food Stamp Program (GAO/RCED-85-109; April 17, 1985). (Referred jointly to Committees on Government Operations and Agriculture.)

1159—April 30, 1985; letter from the Comptroller General of the United States, General Accounting Office transmitting a report on the implementation of the Farm Credit Act Amendments of 1980 (GAO/GGD-85-32; April 8, 1985), pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 2260(a). (Referred jointly to Committees on Government Operations and Agriculture.)

1188—May 1, 1985; letter from the Secretary of Energy transmitting a report on biomass energy development for 1984, pursuant to P.L. 96-294, Sec. 218(a). (Referred jointly to Committees on Agriculture, Energy and Commerce, and Science and Technology.)

1197—May 6, 1985; letter from the Secretary of Agriculture transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to provide for the regulated industry to bear the cost, at least in part, of administering the Packers and Stockyards Act.

1222—May 6, 1985; letter from the Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury transmitting the annual trust fund reports, 1st quarter, for the following: Airport and Airway Trust Fund, Black Lung Disability, Hazardous Substance Response, Highway, Inland Waterways, Nuclear Waste, and Reforestation, pursuant to IRC Sec. 9602(a) (95 Stat. 1638). (Referred jointly to Committees on Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, Public Works and Transportation, Education and Labor, Interior and Insular Affairs, and Agriculture.)

1279—May 13, 1985; letter from the Chairman, National Commission on Agricultural Trade and Export Policy transmitting the interim report of findings and recommendations of the Commission, pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 1691 nt. (Referred jointly to Committees on Agriculture, Foreign Affairs, and Ways and Means.)

1304—May 20, 1985; letter from the Secretary of Agriculture transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to recover costs of carrying out the export inspection and certification programs for apples, pears, grapes and plums.

1305—May 20, 1985; letter from the Secretary of Agriculture transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to recover costs of establishing standards and specifications for agricultural products.

1324—May 21 1985; letter from the Secretary of Agriculture transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to recover costs of carrying out federal marketing agreements and orders.

1490—June 17, 1985; letter from the Assistant Secretary of Agriculture transmitting the annual report of the Secretary of Agriculture.

1563—June 21, 1985; letter from the Secretary of Agriculture transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to deny farm program benefits to agricultural producers who participate in the illegal production of cannabis or other prohibited drug-producing plants on their farms.

1569—June 21, 1985; letter from the General Counsel of the Treasury transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to require the Secretary of the Treasury to impose fees upon obligations of Government-Sponsored Enterprises. (Referred jointly to Committees on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs, Agriculture, and Education and Labor.)

1604—June 27, 1985; letter from the Secretary of Energy transmitting the quarterly report on biomass energy development, pursuant to P.L. 96-294, Sec. 218(a). (Referred jointly to Committees on Agriculture, Energy and Commerce, and Science and Technology.)

1605—July 8, 1985; letter from the President of the United States transmitting a report on the effectiveness of soil and water conservation programs, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 2006(c).

1606—July 8, 1985; letter from the Secretary of Agriculture transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to amend The Tobacco Inspection Act to consolidate, and provide additional authority for the Secretary of Agriculture to establish methods for efficient and equitable marketing of tobacco.

1654—July 9, 1985; letter from the Acting Under Secretary for International Affairs and Commodity Programs, Department of Agriculture transmitting the fourth quarterly commodity and country allocation table showing current programming plans for food assistance, pursuant to the Act of July 10, 1954, ch. 469, Sec. 408(b) (91 Stat. 552; 94 Stat. 2246; E. O. 11963). (Referred jointly to Committees on Agriculture and Foreign Affairs.)

1657—July 9, 1985; letter from the Secretary of Agriculture transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to improve the management of the National Forest System through amendment of certain public laws affecting Federal land purchase, exchange, withdrawals and disposal. (Referred jointly to Committees on Agriculture, Interior and Insular Affairs, Energy and Commerce, and Public Works and Transportation.)

1739—July 23, 1985; letter from the Secretary of Agriculture transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to repeal that paragraph of the Act of March 4, 1913, as amended, that designates 10 percent of all National Forest receipts for the construction of roads and trails on the National Forests.

1740—July 23, 1985; letter from the Under Secretary of Agriculture for International Affairs and Commodity Programs transmitting the annual report on Public Law 480 activities for fiscal year 1984.

1795—July 31, 1985; letter from the General Counsel, Department of Energy transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to transfer title, control, and custody of certain lands near Aiken, South Carolina from the United States Department of Agriculture to the United States Department of Energy.

1816—September 4, 1985; letter from the Secretary of Agriculture transmitting a report on agricultural research, extension, and teaching activities, pursuant to P.L. 95-113, Sec. 1410 (95 Stat. 1302).

1817—September 4, 1985; letter from the Secretary of Agriculture transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to amend the Federal Meat Inspection Act, the Poultry Products Inspection Act and the Egg Products Inspection Act to increase the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to refuse to provide, or withdraw, inspection service, and to authorize the Secretary to determine the degree of inspection to be conducted in meat, poultry, and egg processing plants, and for other purposes.

1921—September 4, 1985; letter from the Comptroller General of the United States transmitting a report entitled: "The Role of Marketing Orders in Establishing and Maintaining Orderly Marketing Conditions" (GAO/RCED-85-57, July 31, 1985). (Referred jointly to Committees on Government Operations and Agriculture.)

1922—September 4, 1985; letter from the Comptroller General of the United States transmitting a report entitled "Effects and Administration of the 1984 Milk Diversion Program" (GAO/RCED-85-126, July 29, 1985). (Referred jointly to Committees on Government Operations and Agriculture.)

1923—September 4, 1985; letter from the Comptroller General of the United States transmitting a report entitled, "Federal Price Support For Honey Should Be Phased Out", (GAO/RCED-85-107). (Referred jointly to Committees on Government Operations and Agriculture.)

1929—September 4, 1985; letter from the Secretary of Energy transmitting a report on biomass energy and alcohol fuels programs for the period of April 1 through June 30, 1985, pursuant to P.L. 96-294, Sec. 218(a). (Referred jointly to Committees on Agriculture, Energy and Commerce, and Science and Technology.)

1935—September 9, 1985; letter from the Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for Science and Education transmitting the third progress report on the Human Nutrition Research and Information Management (HNRIM) System.

1952—September 9, 1985; letter from the Secretaries of Agriculture and the Air Force transmitting notice of intention to interchange military and National Forest Lands, pursuant to the Act of July 26, 1956, ch. 736, Sec. 1. (Referred jointly to Committees on Agriculture and Armed Services.)

2035—September 20, 1985; letter from the Comptroller General of the United States transmitting a report entitled, "Overview of the Dairy Surplus Issue—Policy Options for Congressional Consideration" (GAO/RCED-85-132, September 18, 1985). (Referred jointly to Committees on Agriculture and Government Operations.)

2108—October 7, 1985; letter from the Under Secretary for International Affairs and Commodity Programs, Department of Agriculture transmitting a global assessment of food production and needs, and planned programming of food assistance for fiscal year 1986, pursuant to the Act of July 10, 1954, ch. 469, Sec. 408(b) (91 Stat. 552; 94 Stat. 2246; E. O. 11963). (Referred jointly to Committees on Agriculture and Foreign Affairs.)

2143—October 16, 1985; letter from the Comptroller General of the United States transmitting a report entitled "Financial Condition of American Agriculture" (GAO/RCED-86-09, October 10, 1985). (Referred jointly to Committees on Government Operations and Agriculture.)

2189—October 28, 1985; letter from the Comptroller General, General Accounting Office transmitting the examination of the Commodity Credit Corporation's Financial Statements for the year ended September 30, 1984, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9106(a). (Referred jointly to Committees on Government Operations, Foreign Affairs, and Agriculture.)

2198—October 30, 1985; letter from the Under Secretary for International Affairs and Commodity Programs, Department of Agriculture transmitting the first quarterly commodity and country allocation table showing current programing plans for food assistance for fiscal year 1986, pursuant to the Act of July 10, 1954, ch. 469, Sec. 408(b) (91 Stat. 552; 94 Stat. 2246; E. O. 11963). (Referred jointly to Committees on Agriculture and Foreign Affairs.)

2335—December 4, 1985; letter from the Assistant Administrator for Pesticides and Toxic Substances, Environmental Protection Agency transmitting a proposed rule under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) relative to routine efficacy data for vertebrate control products, pursuant to the Act of June 25, 1947, ch. 125, Sec. 25(a)(4) (94 Stat. 3195).

2363—December 10, 1985; letter from the Assistant Administrator for Pesticides and Toxic Substances, Environmental Protection Agency transmitting the final policy in accordance with section 25 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, pursuant to SWDA, Sec. 2006 (90 Stat. 2805; 94 Stat. 2055).

2385—December 12, 1985; letter from the Assistant Administrator for Pesticides and Toxic Substances, Environmental Protection Agency transmitting final rules under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), pursuant to the Act of June 25, 1947, ch. 125, Sec. 25(a)(4) (94 Stat. 3195).

2425—January 21, 1986; letter from the Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission transmitting the results of the study of the regulatory experience of the National Futures Association from January 1, 1983 to September 30, 1985, pursuant to Pub. L. 95-405, Sec. 26(b) (96 Stat. 2325).

2544—January 21, 1986; letter from the Under Secretary of Agriculture for International Affairs and Commodity Programs transmitting a global assessment of food production and needs, and planned programming of food assistance for fiscal year 1986, pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 1736b(a). (Referred jointly to Committees on Agriculture and Foreign Affairs.)

2553—January 21, 1986; letter from the Secretary of Energy transmitting a report on the biomass energy and alcohol fuels program for the period of July 1 through September 30, 1985, pursuant to Pub. L. 96-294, Sec. 218(a). (Referred jointly to Committees on Agriculture, Energy and Commerce, and Science and Technology.)

2599—January 28, 1986; letter from the Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission transmitting a draft of proposed legis-

lation to extend the Commodity Exchange Act, and for other purposes.

2712—February 18, 1986; letter from the Assistant Administrator for Pesticides and Toxic Substances, Environmental Protection Agency transmitting the proposed final rule on the exemption of Federal and State agencies for use of pesticides under emergency conditions, pursuant to the Act of June 25, 1947, ch. 125, Sec. 25(a)(4) (94 Stat. 3195).

2770—February 18, 1986; letter from the Secretary, Department of Energy transmitting the annual report on the Office of Alcohol Fuels covering Fiscal Year 1985, pursuant to Pub. L. 96-294, Sec. 218(c)(1). (Referred jointly to Committees on Agriculture and Energy and Commerce.)

2794—February 19, 1986; letter from the Secretary of Agriculture transmitting the second quarterly commodity and country allocation table showing current programming plans for food assistance under Title II of Public Law 480 for fiscal year 1986, pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 1736b(a). (Referred jointly to Committees on Agriculture and Foreign Affairs.)

2795—February 19, 1986; letter from the Assistant Secretary of Natural Resources and Environment, Department of Agriculture transmitting the annual report of the Forest Service covering fiscal year 1985, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 1601(d). (Referred jointly to Committees on Agriculture and Interior and Insular Affairs.)

2862—February 27, 1986; letter from the Secretaries of Agriculture and the Interior transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to enhance effective administration of certain Federal lands and for other purposes. (Referred jointly to Committees on Agriculture and Interior and Insular Affairs.)

2929—March 6, 1986; letter from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency transmitting the annual report for fiscal year 1985 on the total number of applications for conditional registration of pesticides, pursuant to the Act of June 25, 1947, ch. 125, Sec. 29 (92 Stat. 838).

3048—March 18, 1986; letter from the Comptroller General of the United States transmitting a report entitled, "Benefit Overpayments, Recoveries could be Increased in the Food Stamp and AFDC Programs," GAO/RCED-86-1. (Referred jointly to Committees on Government Operations, Agriculture, and Ways and Means.)

3269—April 10, 1986; letter from the Under Secretary for International Affairs and Commodity Programs, Department of Agriculture transmitting the third quarterly commodity and country allocation table showing current programming plans for food assistance under Titles I/III of Public Law 480 for fiscal year 1986, pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 1736b(a). (Referred jointly to Committees on Agriculture and Foreign Affairs.)

3324—April 17, 1986; letter from the Secretary of Agriculture transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to reduce the cost and improve the administration of the Food Stamp Program and for other purposes.

3371—April 28, 1986; letter from the Secretary of Agriculture transmitting the draft of proposed legislation to repeal the Federal Seed Act and a related provision of the Federal Noxious Weed Act.

3401—April 30, 1986; letter from the Administrator, Agency for International Development transmitting a report on African famine relief, pursuant to Pub. L. 99-10, Title II (99 Stat. 28). (Referred jointly to Committees on Appropriations, Agriculture and Foreign Affairs.)

3402—May 1, 1986; letter from the Secretary transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to provide for the regulated industry to bear the cost of administering the Packers and Stockyards Act.

3403—May 1, 1986; letter from the Secretary of Agriculture transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to recover costs of carrying out the export inspection and certification programs for apples, pears, grapes, and plums.

3404—May 1, 1986; letter from the Secretary of Agriculture transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to recover costs of providing services to farmer cooperatives and groups of producers.

3405—May 1, 1986; letter from the Secretary of Agriculture transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to recover the costs of carrying out the federal market news program.

3406—May 1, 1986; letter from the Secretary of Agriculture transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to amend the Plant Variety Protection Act to provide for the deposit of fees collected to the appropriation account that incurs the cost of carrying out the Act.

3407—May 1, 1986; letter from the Secretary of Agriculture transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to provide for the assessment and collection of fees to cover the cost of the administration and enforcement of the Federal Meat Inspection Act, the Poultry Products Inspection Act, and the Egg Products Inspection Act.

3408—May 1, 1986; letter from the Secretary of Agriculture transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to recover costs of carrying out federal marketing agreements and orders.

3409—May 1, 1986; letter from the Secretary of Agriculture transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to recover costs of carrying out certain animal and plant health inspection programs, and for other purposes.

3410—May 1, 1986; letter from the Secretary of Agriculture transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to recover costs of establishing standards and specifications for agricultural products.

3440—May 7, 1986; letter from the Secretary of Agriculture transmitting the Animal Welfare Enforcement Report covering Fiscal Year 1985, pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 2155.

3464—May 8, 1986; letter from the Fiscal Assistant-Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Airport and Airway, Black Lung Disability, Hazardous Substance Response, Highway, Inland Waterways, Nuclear Waste, and Reforestation annual trust fund reports, pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 9602(a), 42 U.S.C. 9633(b)(1), 33 U.S.C. 1801(c)(1), 42 U.S.C. 10222(e)(1), and 16 U.S.C. 1606a(c)(1). (Referred jointly to Committees on Agriculture, Education and Labor, Energy and Commerce, Interior and Insular Affairs, Public Works and Transportation, and Ways and Means.)

3535—May 20, 1986; letter from the Secretary of Agriculture transmitting a of proposed legislation to amend section 155 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 and the United States Grain Standards Act to recover the costs of carrying out the provi-

sions of the United States Grain Standards Act, and for other purposes.

3546—May 20, 1986; letter from the Secretary of Agriculture transmitting the third quarterly commodity and allocation table showing current programing plans for food assistance, pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 1736b(a). (Referred jointly to Committees on Agriculture and Foreign Affairs.)

3790—June 25, 1986; letter from the Administrator, Agency for International Development transmitting a report on the implementation of farmer-to-farmer assistance between the United States and developing countries, pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 1736 nt. (Referred jointly to Committees on Agriculture and Foreign Affairs.)

3861—July 14, 1986; letter from the Under Secretary for International Affairs and Commodity Programs, Department of Agriculture transmitting the fourth quarterly commodity and country allocation table showing current programming plans for food assistance for fiscal year 1986, pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 1736b(a). (Referred jointly to Committees on Agriculture and Foreign Affairs.)

3866—July 14, 1986; letter from the Secretary of Energy transmitting a report on the biomass energy and alcohol fuels programs for the period of January 1 through March 31, 1986, pursuant to Pub. L. 96-294, Sec. 218(a). (Referred jointly to Committees on Agriculture and Foreign Affairs.)

3868—July 15, 1986; letter from the Assistant Administrator for Pesticides and Toxic Substances, Environmental Protection Agency transmitting a final rule which reorganizes and redesignates regulations for child-resistant packaging of pesticides, under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 136w(a)(4).

3902—July 21, 1986; letter from the Deputy Chief for Programs, Soil Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture transmitting a watershed plan and environmental impact statement for Big Creek-Hurricane Creek Watershed, Missouri, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(c).

3903—July 21, 1986; letter from the Deputy Chief for Programs, Soil Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture transmitting a watershed plan and environmental impact statement for South Fork Watershed, Kansas, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(c).

3914—July 22, 1986; letter from the Deputy Secretary of Agriculture transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act.

3968—July 28, 1986; letter from the Secretary of Agriculture transmitting the annual report on agricultural trade consultations with major producing countries, pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 1736r(c). (Referred jointly to Committees on Agriculture, Foreign Affairs, and Ways and Means.)

4088—September 8, 1986; letter from the Acting Secretary of Agriculture transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to consolidate and expand the statutory authority for the National Agricultural Library in the Department of Agriculture.

4150—September 8, 1986; letter from the Secretary of Agriculture transmitting the fourth quarterly global assessment of food production, and the planned programming of food assistance, pur-

suant to 7 U.S.C. 1736b(a). (Referred jointly to Committees on Agriculture and Foreign Affairs.)

4177—September 9, 1986; letter from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency transmitting a draft of proposal legislation to provide for the deposit and retention of certain fees and charges collected by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. (Referred jointly to Committees on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, Agriculture, Energy and Commerce, and Public Works and Transportation.)

4239—September 19, 1986; letter from the President of the United States transmitting a statement of policy regarding the Nation's renewable resources of the forest, range, and other associated lands, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 1606(a). (Referred jointly to Committees on Agriculture and Interior and Insular Affairs.)

4240—September 19, 1986; letter from the Comptroller General, General Accounting Office transmitting a report entitled, "Financial Audit—Federal Crop Insurance Corporation's Financial Statements for 1985 and 1984" (GAO/AFMD-85-58), pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9106(a). (Referred jointly to Committees on Goverment Operations and Agriculture.)

4263—September 24, 1986; letter from the Secretary of Energy transmitting the twenty-fourth quarterly report on general biomass energy development, pursuant to Pub. L. 96-294, Sec. 218(a). (Referred jointly to Committees on Agriculture, Energy and Commerce, and Science and Technology.)

4285—October 1, 1986; letter from the Secretary of the Army and the Secretary of Agriculture transmitting notice of the intention to interchange civil works and Forest Service acquired lands at Patoka Lake, Indiana, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 505a. (Referred jointly to Committees on Agriculture and Public Works and Transportation.)

4306—October 6, 1986; letter from the Comptroller General, General Accounting Office transmitting a report on the financial statements of the Commodity Credit Corporation for the fiscal years ended September 30, 1985 and 1984 and a report on the Corporation's system of internal accounting controls (GAO/AFMD-86-57), pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9106(a). (Referred jointly to Committees on Government Operations and Agriculture.)

4307—October 7, 1986; letter from the Assistant Secretary, Science and Education, Department of Agriculture transmitting the plan for the second 5-year period (1986-1990), for implementing the Renewable Resources Extension Program, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 1606(c).

4336—October 14, 1986; letter from the Acting Under Secretary for International Affairs and Commodity Programs, Department of Agriculture transmitting the initial commodity and country allocation table showing current programing plans for food assistance for fiscal year 1987, pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 1736b(a). (Referred jointly to Committees on Agriculture and Foreign Affairs.)

B. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGES AND HOUSE DOCUMENTS OF INTEREST

Message from the President of the United States transmitting a report on the issuance of the order to affected agencies to suspend automatic spending increases and sequester or reduce budgetary

resources consistent with the Comptroller General's January 21 sequestration or reduction determinations required by the Act, pursuant to Pub. L. 99-177, Sec. 252(a)(5). Feb. 4, 1986. H. Doc. 99-160.

Veto of H.R. 1096, African famine relief and emergency agricultural credit. Mar. 7, 1985.

Presidential Proclamation, National Agriculture Day, 1986. Proclamation No. 5449, Mar. 20, 1986.

Soil and Water Programs; Statement of Relationship of 1986 Budget to. H. Doc. 99-43. March 17, 1985.

Federal Grazing Program: All Is Not Well On The Range. Thirty-fourth Report by the Committee on Government Operations. H. Rept. 99-593. May 8, 1986.

Commodity Credit Corporation FY 1984 Annual Report. May 14, 1985.

Presidential Proclamation, World Trade Week, 1986. Proclamation No. 5482, May 19, 1986.

Presidential Proclamation, National Farm Safety Week, 1986. Proclamation No. 5489, May 21, 1986.

Presidential Proclamation, National Agricultural Export Week, 1986. Proclamation No. 5502, June 19, 1986.

Presidential Proclamation, World Food Day, 1986. Proclamation No. 5527, Sept. 18, 1986.

Message from the President of the United States transmitting a statement of policy regarding the nation's renewable resources of the forest, range, and other associated lands, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 1606(a). Executive Communication 4239. Sept. 19, 1986.

Message from the President of the United States transmitting a report of the Commodity Credit Corporation for the fiscal year ended September 30, 1985, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 714k. Sept. 25, 1986.

Presidential Proclamation, National Forest Products Week, 1986. Proclamation No. 5553, Oct. 15, 1986.

Presidential Proclamation, National Farm-City Week, 1986. Proclamation No. 5579, Nov. 26, 1986.

C. STATUTORY REPORTS

Family Farms; status of, required by sec. 1608 of P.L. 97-98. Submitted by USDA, Dec. 20, 1984.

Office of Alcohol Fuels FY 1984 report, required by sec. 218(c)(1)(A) of P.L. 96-294. Submitted by Department of Energy, Jan. 7, 1985. Executive Communication 368.

Forest Service land acquisitions approved, required by sec. 17(b) of P.L. 94-588. Submitted by USDA, Jan. 7, 1985.

Milk support prices; adjustment mechanisms for, required by sec. 301(2) of P.L. 98-180. Submitted by USDA Jan. 7, 1985.

Federal Crop Insurance Corporatiopn summary of business report for December 1984, required by P.L. 97-370. Submitted by USDA, Jan. 11, 1985.

Charters: Challis, Lewis and Clark, Nezperce, Okanogan, and Uinta National Forests Grazing Advisory Boards, required by P.L. 92-463. Submitted by USDA, Jan. 14, 1985.

Forest Service land acquisitions approved, required by sec. 17(b) of P.L. 94-588. Submitted by USDA, Jan. 14, 1985.

Food Stamp Program. Monthly expenditures for November 1984 and cumulative spending total for FY 1985 through November, required by sec. 18(a) of Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended by P.L. 96-58. Submitted by USDA, Jan. 16, 1985.

Federal margin regulations review and evaluation, required by sec. 207 of P.L. 97-444. Submitted by Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Jan. 25, 1985.

Charters: Cooperative Forestry Research Advisory Council and Deerlodge National Forest Grazing Advisory Board, required by P.L. 92-463. Submitted by USDA, Jan. 30, 1985.

Forest Service 1984 annual report, required by sec. 7(c) of P.L. 94-588, as amended by the National Forest Management Act of 1976. Submitted by USDA, February 1985. Executive Communication 562.

Commodity Futures Trading Commission 1984 annual report, required by sec. 21 of P.L. 96-276. Submitted by CFTC, February 1985.

EPA: Final policy governing submission of unreasonable adverse effects data for pesticides implementation of sec. 6(a)(2) of FIFRA, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by EPA, Mar. 18, 1985.

Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act. Interim rule amendment of the resolutions governing operations under Title I of the Act (P.L. 83-480), required by sec. 408(d)(3) of the Act. Submitted by USDA, Mar. 26, 1985.

Farmers Home Administration. Feasibility of using future revenue from Southern pine tree production to amortize the debts of FmHA delinquent borrowers, required by sec. 608 of P.L. 98-258. Submitted by USDA, Mar. 27, 1985.

Food Stamp Program. Monthly expenditures for January 1985 and cumulative spending total for FY 1985 through January, required by sec. 18(a) of Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended by P.L. 96-58. Submitted by USDA, Mar. 28, 1985.

Farm Credit Administration final amendments to title XII, Chapter VI, of the CFR, pertaining to administrative matters, required by sec. 5.18(b)(1) of P.L. 92-181. Submitted by FCA, Mar. 28, 1985.

Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act annual report for 1984, required by sec. 5 of P.L. 95-460. Submitted by USDA, Apr. 2, 1985.

Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act. Third quarter commodity and country allocation table showing planned programing for food assistance under Title I/III of P.L. 480 for FY 1985, required by sec. 408(b) of the Act. Submitted by USDA, Apr. 5, 1985. Executive Communication 1022.

Animal Welfare Enforcement for FY 1984, required by sec. 25 of P.L. 91-571, as amended. Submitted by USDA, Apr. 8, 1985. Executive Communication 1028.

Forest Service land acquisitions approved, required by sec. 17(b) of P.L. 94-588. Submitted by USDA, Apr. 8, 1985.

Food Stamp Quality Control Executive Overview for FY 1983, required by sec. 16(d) of P.L. 95-113. Submitted by USDA, Apr. 11, 1985.

Food Stamp Program. Monthly expenditures for February 1985 and cumulative spending totals for FY 1985 through February, re-

quired by sec. 18(a) of Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended by P.L. 96-58. Submitted by USDA, Apr. 16, 1985.

National Commission on Agricultural Trade and Export Policy interim report, required by sec. 1221(b)(1) of P.L. 98-412. Submitted by the Commission, Apr. 18, 1985. Executive Communication 1279.

Charters: Apache National Forest and Sitgreaves Grazing Advisory Boards, Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail Advisory Council, required by P.L. 92-463. Submitted by USDA, Apr. 23, 1985.

Biomass energy and alcohol fuels program October 1-December 31,1984, required by sec. 218(a) of P.L. 96-294. Submitted by Department of Energy, Apr. 26, 1985.

Forest Service land acquisitions approved, required by sec. 17(b) of P.L. 94-588. Submitted by USDA, Apr. 26, 1985.

Alcohol in Fuels, annual report on the use of, required by sec. 221(c) of P.L. 95-618. Submitted by USDA, Apr. 26, 1985.

Food Stamp Program. Revised income eligibility limits required by sec. 6(c) of Food Stamp Act of 1977 as amended by P.L. 97-98. Submitted by USDA, May 3, 1985.

Charter: Citizens Advisory Committee on Equal Opportunity, required by P.L. 92-463. Submitted by USDA, May 8, 1985.

Federal Crop Insurance summary of business report for April 1985, required by P.L. 97-370. Submitted by USDA, May 9, 1985.

Charter: Mono Basin National Forest Scenic Area Advisory Board, required by P.L. 92-463. Submitted by USDA, May 13, 1985.

Commodity Credit Corporation report for FY 1984, required by sec. 13 of the Act of June 29, 1948. Submitted by the President, May 14, 1985.

Food Stamp Program. Monthly expenditures for March 1985 and cumulative spending total for FY 1985 through March, required by sec. 18(a) of Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended by P.L. 96-58. Submitted by USDA, May 14, 1985.

Wheat; export quality; followup to FY 1984 annual report of Federal Grain Inspection Service. Submitted by USDA, Feb. 7, 1985.

Federal Crop Insurance summary of business report for January 1985, required by P.L. 97-370. Submitted by USDA, Feb. 8, 1985.

Farm Credit Administration final amendments of Title 12 of the Code of Federal Regulations to clarify and streamline the processing of applications for association mergers or consolidations and transfers of territory, required by sec. 5.8(b)(1) of P.L. 92-181, as amended. Submitted by FCA, Feb. 8, 1985.

Agricultural Trade Act of 1978, implemental of for FY 1983, required by sec. 602 of P.L. 95-501. Submitted by USDA, Feb. 12, 1985.

Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act transfer of funds from Title I/III to Title II, required by P.L. 97-370. Submitted by USDA, Feb. 13, 1985.

EPA: Proposed rule revising the procedures whereby the Administrator may exempt a Federal or State agency from the provisions of FIFRA which regulate the manner in which a pesticide is made available for use or is used, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by EPA, Feb. 12, 1985.

EPA: Proposed rule establishing docketing and public participation procedures for the pesticide registration standards process,

pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by EPA, Feb. 15, 1985.

Food for Peace Program; 1983 annual report on P.L. 480, required by sec. 408(a) of the Act. Submitted by USDA, Feb. 19, 1985. Executive Communication 694.

Egg Products Inspection Act, 1983 annual report, required by sec. 26 of P.L. 91-597. Submitted by USDA, Feb. 19, 1985.

Dairy products used by the Military Services, July-December 1984, required by sec. 202 of P.L. 81-429. Submitted by Defense Logistics Agency, Feb. 21, 1985.

Forest Service land acquisitions approved, required by sec. 17(b) of P.L. 94-588. Submitted by USDA, Feb. 22, 1985.

Food Stamp Program. Monthly expenditures for December 1984 and cumulative spending total for FY 1985 through December, required by sec. 18(a) of Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended by P.L. 96-58. Submitted by USDA, Feb. 22, 1985.

Environmental Protection Agency annual report on conditional registration of pesticides, FY 1984, required by secs. 3(c)(7)(B) of P.L. 92-516. Submitted by EPA, Feb. 25, 1985. Executive Communication 639.

Charters: Agribusiness Promotion Council, Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee for Trade, Agricultural Technical Advisory Committees for Trade, Freemont National Forest Grazing Advisory Board, Committee of State Foresters, required by P.L. 92-463. Submitted by USDA, Feb. 27, 1985.

Puerto Rico Nutrition Evaluation interim report, required by sec. 2 of P.L. 98-204. Submitted by USDA, Mar. 1, 1985.

Forest Service land acquisition approved, required by sec. 17(b) of P.L. 94-588. Submitted by USDA, Mar. 1, 1985.

Meat and Poultry Inspection; 1984 domestic and foreign activities, required by sec. 29(e)(1), secs. 301(c)(4) and 29(c) of Federal Meat Inspection Act; sec. 17 of Wholesome Meat Act; secs. 5(c)(4) and 27 of Poultry Products Inspection Act as amended by P.L. 90-452. Submitted by USDA, Mar. 1, 1985.

Federal Crop Insurance summary of business report for February 1985, required by P.L. 97-370. Submitted by USDA, Mar. 11, 1985.

Foreign grain quality and weighing complaints for first quarter, FY 1985, required by sec. 16(b) of P.L. 94-582. Submitted by USDA, Mar. 13, 1985.

Charters: East Carson and West Carson Grazing Advisory Boards, required by P.L. 92-563. Submitted by USDA, Mar. 14, 1985.

Food Stamp Quality Control Reviews; semiannual summary report for April-September 1982 reporting period, required by sec. 16(d) of P.L. 95-113. Submitted by USDA, Mar. 15, 1985.

EPA: Final policy governing submission of unreasonable adverse effects data for pesticides implementation of section 6(a)(2) of FIFRA, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by EPA, Mar. 18, 1985.

Dairy products acquired from the Commodity Credit Corporation by the Veterans Administration, required by sec. 202(a) of P.L. 83-690. Submitted by Veterans Administration, Mar. 18, 1985.

Forest Service land acquisitions approved, required by sec. 17(b) of P.L. 94-588. Submitted by USDA, May 28, 1985.

Charters: Financial Products Advisory Committee and the Agricultural Advisory Committee of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, required by P.L. 92-463. Submitted by CFTC, May 29, 1985.

Charters: Secretary's Advisory Committee on Swine Health Protection, The Deschutes National Forest Grazing Advisory Board, and the National Advisory Council on Maternal, Infant and Fetal Nutrition, required by P.L. 92-463. Submitted by USDA June 3, 1985.

Food Stamp Programs; effects of legislative changes in 1981 and 1982, required by sec. 182(h) of P.L. 97-253. Submitted by USDA, June 3, 1985.

Nutrition Assistance Program in Puerto Rico; evaluation of, required by sec. 2 of P.L. 98-204. Submitted by USDA, June 3, 1985.

Charter: Commodity Futures Trading Commission's Financial Products Advisory Committee, required by P.L. 92-463. Submitted by CFTC, June 7, 1985.

Charter: Lincoln National Forest Grazing Advisory Board, required by P.L. 92-463. Submitted by USDA, June 10, 1985.

USDA: Annual report of the Secretary of Agriculture, 1984, required by sec. 1301 of P.L. 90-620. Submitted by USDA, June 11, 1985. Executive Communication 1490.

Forest Service land acquisitions approved, required by sec. 17(b) of P.L. 94-588. Submitted by USDA, June 13, 1985.

Federal Crop Insurance Corporation summary of business report for May 1985, required by P.L. 97-370. Submitted by USDA, June 17, 1985.

Food Stamp Program. Monthly expenditures for April 1985 and cumulative spending total for FY 1985 through April, required by sec. 18(a) of Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended by P.L. 96-58. Submitted by USDA, June 19, 1985.

Dairy Promotion and Research Order annual report, required by sec. 301(4) of P.L. 98-180. Submitted by USDA, June 20, 1985.

Biomass energy and alcohol fuels programs January 1-March 31, 1985, required by sec. 218(a) of P.L. 96-294. Submitted by Department of Energy, June 20, 1985. Executive Communication 1604.

Food for Peace Program; 1983 annual report on P.L. 480, required by sec. 408(a) of the Act. Submitted by USDA, June 22, 1985. Executive Communication 1740.

Elderly Feeding Pilot Project FY 1983 report, required by sec. 1335 of P.L. 97-98. Submitted by USDA, June 26, 1985.

Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act. Fourth quarter commodity and country allocation table showing planning programming of food assistance under Title I/III of P.L. 480 for FY 1985, required by sec. 408(b) of the Act. Submitted by USDA, June 28, 1985. Executive Communication 1654.

Farm Credit Administration proposed regulation regarding real and personal property, required by sec. 5.18(b)(1) of P.L. 92-181. Submitted by FCA, July 1, 1985.

Farm Credit Corporation final regulations regarding liquidation of associations and banks, required by sec. 5.18(b)(1) of P.L. 92-181. Submitted by FCA, July 2, 1985.

Forest Service land acquisitions approved, required by sec. 17(b) of P.L. 94-588. Submitted by USDA, June 3, 1985.

Effectiveness of soil and water conservation programs, required by sec. 7(c) of P.L. 95-192. Submitted by the President, July 3, 1985.

Federal Crop Insurance Corporation summary of business report for June 1985, required by P.L. 97-566. Submitted by USDA, July 8, 1985.

Foreign grain quality and weighing complaints for second quarter, FY 1985, required by sec. 16(b) of P.L. 94-582. Submitted by USDA, July 9, 1985.

Rural Development strategy report, 1985, required by sec. 607(c) of P.L. 92-419. Submitted by USDA, July 11, 1985.

Farm Credit Administration proposed regulation regarding incorporation of service organizations, required by sec. 5.18(b)(1) of P.L. 92-181. Submitted by FCA, July 18, 1985.

Food Stamp Program. Monthly expenditures for May 1985 and cumulative spending total for FY 1985 through May, required by sec. 18(a) of Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended by P.L. 96-58. Submitted by USDA, July 22, 1985.

Farm Credit Corporation proposed new and amended regulations regarding official records of the Farm Credit Administration, required by sec. 5.18(b)(1) of P.L. 92-181. Submitted by FCA, July 22, 1985.

Forest Service land acquisitions approved, required by Sec. 17(b) of P.L. 94-588. Submitted by USDA, July 31, 1985.

EPA: Final rule exempting pesticide products packaged in large sizes from child-resistant packaging requirements, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by EPA, Aug. 1, 1985.

Charter: Joint Nutrition Monitoring Evaluation Committee, required by Joint Implementation Plan for a Comprehensive National Nutrition Monitoring System by USDA and DHHS. Submitted by USDA, Aug. 2, 1985.

Charter: Mount Saint Helens Scientific Advisory Board, required by Sec. 7, P.L. 97-243. Submitted by USDA, Aug. 2, 1985.

Annual REA Progress Report: National Program for Soil and Water Conservation, required by Soil and Water Resources Conservation Act of 1977, P.L. 95-192. Submitted by USDA, Aug. 5, 1985.

Forest Service land acquisitions approved, required by Sec. 17(b) of P.L. 94-588. Submitted by USDA, Aug. 5, 1985.

EPA: National Pesticides Monitoring Plan developed by EPA pursuant to section 20(b) of FIFRA, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by EPA, Aug. 7, 1985.

Horse Protection Enforcement Report, 1984 annual report, required by section 11 of the Horse Protection Act (14 USC 1821-1831). Submitted by USDA, Aug. 9, 1985.

Charter: Agricultural Export Enhancement Advisory Group, required by P.L. 92-463. Submitted by USDA, Aug. 13, 1985.

Food Stamp Program. Civil Forfeiture and Denial of Property Rights, and Acceptance of Irrevocable Letters of Credit, rule implementing section 15(g) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977. Submitted by USDA, Aug. 14, 1985.

Food Stamp Program. Monthly expenditures for June 1985 and cumulative spending total for FY 1985 through June, required by sec. 18(b) of Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended by P.L. 96-58. Submitted by USDA, Aug. 16, 1985.

Biomass energy and alcohol fuels program April 1–June 30, 1985, required by section 218(a) of P.L. 96–294. Submitted by Department of Energy; August 19, 1985.

Federal Crop Insurance Corporation summary of business report for July 1985, required by P.L. 97–566. Submitted by USDA, Aug. 20, 1985.

Forest Service land acquisitions approved, required by Sec. 17(b) of P.L. 94–588. Submitted by USDA, Aug. 21, 1985.

Improvements needed in general automated data processing controls at the National Finance Center, required by sec. 236 of Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970. Submitted by USDA Aug. 20, 1985, and forwarded by Government Operations Committee.

USDA: Annual Report on the Status of Family Farms, required by sec. 1608 of Agriculture and Food Act of 1981. Submitted by USDA, Aug. 23, 1985.

USDA: 1984 Annual Report of the Secretary of Agriculture on the Food and Agricultural Sciences, June 1985, required by section 1410 of the Food and Agriculture Act of 1977. Submitted by USDA, August 28, 1985.

Transportation of Public Law 480 Commodities—Efforts, required by section 236 of Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970. Submitted by U.S. Department of Transportation, Aug. 30, 1985, and forwarded by Government Operations Committee.

Farm Credit Administration final amendments to regulations (12 CFR 611.1166) establishing priority of creditors' claims of an association in liquidation; (12 CFR 611.1174) process of filing claims, required by sec. 5.18(b)(1) of Farm Credit Act of 1971, as amended. Submitted by FCA, Sept. 4, 1985.

Food Stamp Program. Monthly expenditures for July 1985 and cumulative spending total for FY 1985 through July, required by sec. 18(b) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended, by P.L. 96–58. Submitted by USDA, Sept. 9, 1985.

Charters: Sawtooth and Toiyabe National Forest Grazing Advisory Boards, required by P.L. 92–463. Submitted by USDA, Sept. 11, 1985.

Transportation of P.L. 480 Commodities—Efforts Needed to Eliminate Unnecessary Costs, required by sec. 236 of Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970. Submitted by USDA, Sept. 11, 1985, and forwarded by Government Operations Committee.

Farm Credit Administration proposed amendments and new regulations pertaining to Farm Credit System institutions' investment activities, required by sec. 5.18(b)(1) of the Farm Credit Act of 1971. Submitted by FCA, Sept. 12, 1985.

Forest Service land acquisitions approved, required by P.L. 94–588. Submitted by USDA, Sept. 12, 1985.

Farm Credit Administration final amendments to 12 CFR 615.5370, increasing from 10 to 50 percent savings retained in contingency reserves, required by sec. 5.18(b)(1) of Farm Credit Act of 1971, as amended. Submitted by FCA, Sept. 12, 1985.

Charter: Agriculture Structure Planning Advisory Committee, required by P.L. 92–463. Submitted by USDA, Sept. 13, 1985.

Soil Conservation Service: Notice of deauthorization of federal funding for Hardin Creek Watershed project, located in Hardin and Wayne Counties, Tennessee; Mill Creek Watershed project, located

in Overton and Clay Counties, Tennessee; and North Fork Obion River Watershed project, located in Henry County, Tennessee, required by 7 CFR 622.55. Submitted by USDA, Sept. 17, 1985.

Charters: Black Hills, Covelle, and Medicine Bow National Forest Grazing Advisory Boards, required by P.L. 92-463. Submitted by USDA, Sept. 18, 1985.

Management System For Identifying and Correcting Problems in the Food Stamp Program Can Work Better, required by sec. 236 of Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970. Submitted by USDA, Sept. 18, 1985, and forwarded by Government Operations Committee.

Department of Agriculture's Acquisition and Distribution of Commodities for Its 1983 Payment-In-Kind Program, required by sec. 236 of Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970. Submitted by USDA, Sept. 18, 1985, and forwarded by Government Operations Committee.

Forest Service proposed land acquisitions, in accordance with agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by USDA, Sept. 19, 1985.

USDA: Certification of agricultural commodities available for donation under authority of section 416 of Agricultural Act of 1948, required by Title III, P.L. 99-10. Submitted by USDA, Sept. 27, 1985.

Report on status of EPA's efforts to regulate chemical substances as hazardous air pollutants under the Clean Air Act. Submitted by GAO, Sept. 30, 1985.

Agricultural Research Service. Quarterly report on research progress in the ARS, pursuant to report of House Committee on Appropriations on the Agriculture, Rural Development and Related Agencies Appropriation Bill, 1985 (H. Rept. 98-809). Submitted by USDA, Sept. 30, 1985.

Forest Service proposed land acquisition, submitted in accordance with agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by USDA, Oct. 1, 1985.

Forest Service land acquisitions approved, required by P.L. 94-588. Submitted by USDA, Oct. 3, 1985.

Soil Conservation Service: Notice of deauthorization of federal funding for Lewis-Hunsaker Creek Watershed project, located in Dyer County, Tennessee. Submitted by USDA, Oct. 7, 1985.

USDA: Annual reports of the following Departmentally-established advisory committees for fiscal year 1984: Advisory Committee on Foreign Animal and Poultry Diseases; Advisory Committee on Instrument Standards for Cotton; Agribusiness Promotion Council; Citizen's Advisory Committee on Equal Opportunity; Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee; Flue-Cured Tobacco Advisory Committee; Food and Agricultural Sciences National Needs Graduate Fellowships Grant Committee; General Conference Committee of the National Poultry Improvement Plan; Hop Marketing Advisory Board; Human Nutrition Board of Scientific Counselors; Joint Nutrition Monitoring Evaluation Committee; National Advisory Council on Rural Development; National Abroretum Advisory Council; National Plant Genetic Resources Board; Policy Advisory Committee for the Science and Education Research Grants Program; Technical Advisory Committee for the Science and Educa-

tion Research Grants Program, required by section 1804 of the Agriculture and Food Act of 1981. Submitted by USDA, Oct. 9, 1985.

Financial and Management Improvements Needed in the Food for Development Program, required by sec. 236 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970. Submitted by USDA, Oct. 11, 1985, and forwarded by Government Operations Committee.

Food Stamp Program. Monthly expenditures for August 1985 and cumulative spending total for FY 1985 through August, required by sec. 18(b) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended by P.L. 96-58. Submitted by USDA, Oct. 15, 1985.

EPA: Draft of final Special Review rule establishing the criteria for initiating, and procedures for conducting risk/benefit determinations of pesticide products which may pose unreasonable adverse effects to humans or the environment, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by EPA, Oct. 16, 1985.

Federal Crop Insurance Corporation summary of business report for September 1985, required by P.L. 97-370. Submitted by USDA, Oct. 17, 1985.

Dairy products used by Veterans Administration, April-September 1985, required by sec. 204(d) of P.L. 83-690. Submitted by VA, Oct. 22, 1985.

Charter: Advisory Committee Charter renewing the Science Advisory Board, required by P.L. 92-463. Submitted by EPA, Oct. 25, 1985.

Farm Credit Administration proposed legislation, required by sec. 5.18(3) of the Farm Credit Act of 1971, as amended. Submitted by FCA, Oct. 25, 1985.

Commodity Futures Trading Commission amendment to Commission Rule 33.4(a)(6) to permit an increase from five to eight contracts the number of options on nonagricultural futures contracts for which domestic exchanges may be designated as contract markets, required by sec. 206 of P.L. 97-444. Submitted by CFTC, Oct. 29, 1985.

Forest Service land acquisitions approved, required by P.L. 94-588. Submitted by USDA, Oct. 31, 1985.

Charter: Advisory Committee Charter establishing the Farmworker Protection Standards for Agricultural Pesticides Negotiated Rulemaking Advisory Committee, required by P.L. 92-463. Submitted by EPA, Nov. 1, 1985.

Farm Credit Administration draft legislation to implement legislative recommendations outlined at hearing, required by section 5.18(e) of Farm Credit Act of 1971, as amended. Submitted by FCA, Nov. 8, 1985.

Farm Credit Administration final amendment to 12 CFR 611.1150 to allow Farm Credit System banks to incorporate service organizations with limited stockholder liability, required by section 5.18(b)(1) of Farm Credit Act of 1971, as amended. Submitted by FCA, Nov. 8, 1985.

Farm Credit Administration final amendment to 12 CFR 614.4330, permitting Farm Credit System institutions to enter into loan participation agreements that contain required repurchase provisions, required by section 5.18(b)(1) of the Farm Credit Act of 1971, as amended. Submitted by FCA, Nov. 15, 1985.

Farm Credit Administration proposed new regulations to Title 12, Chapter VI, CFR, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of handicap as applied to programs and activities of FCA, required by section 5.18(b)(1) of the Farm Credit Act of 1971. Submitted by FCA, Nov. 15, 1985.

Food Stamp Program. Monthly expenditures for September 1985 and cumulative spending total for FY 1985 through September, required by Sec. 18(b) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended by P.L. 96-58. Submitted by USDA, Nov. 15, 1985.

Federal Crop Insurance Corporation summary of business report for October 1985, required by P.L. 97-370. Submitted by USDA, Nov. 18, 1985.

Forest Service: Request that oversight of Chattahoochee National Forest, Georgia, by suspended, pursuant to sec. 17(b), P.L. 94-588. Submitted by USDA, Nov. 27, 1985.

Charter: FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel, required by P.L. 92-463. Submitted by EPA, Nov. 29, 1985.

Federal Grain Inspection Service: Annual Report to Congress, 1985, required by United States Grain Standards Act, as amended. Submitted by USDA, Dec. 1, 1985.

Farm Credit Administration final amendment to 12 CFR 615.5150, eliminating FCA prior approval requirements for the acquisition and disposition of real and personal property by Farm Credit System banks and for bank board policies on electronic data processing and work processing programs, required by sec. 5.18(b)(1) of Farm Credit Act of 1971, as amended. Submitted by FCA, Dec. 2, 1985.

Internal Control Improvements Needed in Agriculture's Miscellaneous Payments System, required by sec. 236 of Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970. Submitted by USDA, Dec. 2, 1985, and forwarded by Government Operations Committee.

Forest Service proposed land acquisitions, in accordance with agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by USDA, Dec. 5, 1985.

Charter: National Arboretum Advisory Council, required by P.L. 92-463. Submitted by USDA, Dec. 10, 1985.

Federal Crop Insurance Corporation summary of business report for November 1985, required by P.L. 97-566. Submitted by USDA, Dec. 13, 1985.

Food Stamp Program. Monthly expenditures for October 1985 and cumulative spending total for FY 1985 through October, required by section 18(b) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended by P.L. 96-58. Submitted by USDA, Dec. 13, 1985.

Forest Service: Report on acquisition of mineral interests within the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument, required by P.L. 97-243. Submitted by USDA, Dec. 16, 1985.

Inspector General's Semiannual Report to the Congress April 1, 1985--September 30, 1985, required by sec. 5(b) of P.L. 95-452. Submitted by Secretary of Commerce, Dec. 17, 1985.

Report of the Secretary of Energy on biomass energy and alcohol fuels program for the period July 1 through September 30, 1985, required by section 218(a) of the Energy Security Act, P.L. 96-294. Submitted by Secretary of Energy, Dec. 20, 1985.

Food and Nutrition Service report entitled "The Effects of Legislative Changes in 1981 and 1982 on the Food Stamp Program", required by Food Stamp Act Amendments of 1982. Submitted by USDA, Dec. 23, 1985.

Agriculture's Second-Year Implementation of the Federal Manager's Financial Integrity Act, required by section 236 of Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970. Submitted by USDA, Dec. 30, 1985, and forwarded by the Government Operations Committee.

Commodity Futures Trading Commission report to Congress on the results of a study of the National Futures Association, required by sec. 237 of the Futures Trading Act of 1982, P.L. 97-444. Submitted by CFTC, Dec. 30, 1985.

Forest Service proposed land acquisitions, required by sec. 17(b) of the National Forest Management Act of 1976, P.L. 94-588. Submitted by USDA, Jan. 2, 1986.

USDA: Secretary's Annual Report on Implementation of the 1978 Trade Act for FY 1984, as required by the Act. Submitted by USDA, Jan. 2, 1986.

Federal Grain Inspection Service: Interim report on grain classification, required by P.L. 99-198, the Food Security Act of 1985. Submitted by USDA, Jan. 6, 1986.

Charter: Human Nutrition Board of Scientific Counselors, required by P.L. 92-463. Submitted by USDA, Jan. 7, 1986.

Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act: Second quarterly commodity and country allocation report showing current programing plans for food assistance under Title I/III of P.L. 480 for fiscal year 1986, required by sec. 408(b) of the Act. Submitted by USDA, Jan. 8, 1986.

Report on status of statutory report on the impact of ethanol imports from Brazil on the domestic ethanol industry and on the domestic grain industry, required by sec. 1155 of P.L. 99-198. Submitted by USDA, Jan. 10, 1986.

Food Stamp Program: Monthly expenditures for November 1985 and cumulative spending total for FY 1985 through November, required by Sec. 18(b) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended by P.L. 96-58. Submitted by USDA, Jan. 15, 1986.

Foreign Agricultural Service: Payment information reported by suppliers of commodities and ocean transportation under Public Law 480, Title I, required by sec. 115(b) of Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended, and sec. 17.8(f) of P.L. 480, Title I, Financing Regulations. Submitted by USDA, Jan. 21, 1986.

Soil Conservation Service: Notice of deauthorization of Federal funding for Fish Bayou Watershed project, located in Crittenden and St. Francis Counties, Arkansas. Submitted by USDA, Feb. 4, 1986.

Energy: Annual Report on the Office of Alcohol Fuels, required by sec. 218(c)(1)(A) of the Energy Security Act, Public Law 96-294. Submitted by Secretary of Energy, Feb. 4, 1985.

USDA: Report to Congress on the Egg Products Inspection Act, required by sec. 26 of P.L. 91-597. Submitted by USDA, Feb. 4, 1986.

Forest Service land acquisitions approved, required by P.L. 94-588. Submitted by USDA, Feb. 5, 1986.

Forest Service proposed land acquisitions, submitted in accordance with agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by USDA, Feb. 12, 1986.

Defense Logistics Agency: Report of CCC stocks of dairy products available for use by the Military Services, required by sec. 202 of Agriculture Act of 1949. Submitted by Department of Defense, Feb. 14, 1986.

Agricultural Marketing Service: Report of request under Freedom of Information Act to release names and addresses of producers participating in the almond marketing order program, required by sec. 1663 of Food Security Act of 1985. Submitted by USDA, Feb. 14, 1986.

Agricultural Marketing Service: Report of request under Freedom of Information Act to release names and addresses of producers participating in the raisin, prune, almond, olive, and navel orange marketing order programs, required by sec. 1663 of Food Security Act of 1985. Submitted by USDA, Feb. 14, 1986.

Forest Service 1985 annual report, required by the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974, as amended by the National Forest Management Act of 1976. Submitted by USDA, Feb. 14, 1986.

USDA: Report of interpretation of FY 1986 funding level authorizations for certain Farmers Home Administration programs, required by P.L. 99-198. Submitted by USDA, Feb. 14, 1986.

Farm Credit Administration report on implementation of the Farm Credit Amendments Act of 1985, required by P.L. 99-205. Submitted by FCA, Feb. 14, 1986.

Farm Credit Administration explanation of technical amendments to Public Law 99-205, required by P.L. 99-205. Submitted by FCA, Feb. 18, 1986.

Food and Nutrition Service: Interim final rule entitled Community Mental Health Centers, Credit Unions and Farm Self-Employment Losses, required by P.L. 99-198. Submitted by USDA, Feb. 19, 1986.

Food Stamp Program. Monthly expenditures for December 1985 and cumulative spending total for FY 1985 through December, required by sec. 18(b) of P.L. 96-58. Submitted by USDA, Feb. 19, 1986.

Joint Council on Food and Agricultural Sciences: Report, 1985 Accomplishments for Research, Extension, and Higher Education, required by sec. 1407 of P.L. 95-113, as amended by P.L. 97-98. Submitted by Joint Council, Feb. 19, 1986.

Charter: National Agricultural Research and Extension Users Advisory Board, required by P.L. 92-463. Submitted by USDA, Feb. 20, 1986.

Federal Crop Insurance Corporation: Regulation establishing crop insurance protection for prevented planting, required by P.L. 99-198. Submitted by USDA, Feb. 20, 1986.

Food Stamp Program: Legislative changes provided by the Food Security Act of 1985, required by P.L. 99-198. Submitted by USDA, Feb. 21, 1986.

Farm Credit Administration: Proposed new regulations establishing rules of practice and procedure applicable to formal and informal hearings held before FCA, and to formal investigations con-

ducted under the Act, required by sec. 5.17(b)(1) of Farm Credit Act of 1971, as amended. Submitted by FCA, Feb. 21, 1986.

Forest Service: Comprehensive management plan for White Rocks National Recreation Area, required by P.L. 98-322. Submitted by USDA, Feb. 24, 1986.

Federal Crop Insurance Corporation summary of business report for January 1986, required by P.L. 97-370. Submitted by USDA, Feb. 25, 1986.

Farm Credit Administration: Final regulations requiring banks and associations of the Farm Credit System to prepare and distribute to shareholders annual reports that contain financial statements audited by an independent certified public accountant within 90 days of the end of the fiscal year. In addition, associations are required to distribute information statements to shareholders at least 10 days prior to meeting at which directors are to be elected. Regulations also set forth accounting and reporting requirements for the annual reports of condition and performance required by FCA, required by sec. 5.17(b)(1) of Farm Credit Act of 1971, as amended. Submitted by FCA, Feb. 25, 1986.

Environmental Protection Agency: Proposed regulation concerning pesticide advertising for pesticide uses approved under experimental use, emergency use, or special local need provisions of FIFRA, required by sec. 25(a)(3) of FIFRA. Submitted by EPA, Feb. 27, 1986.

USDA: Report that funds not requested for implementation of Special Areas Conservation Program, required by sec. 1510 of P.L. 97-98. Submitted by USDA, Feb. 27, 1986.

USDA: 1985 report on Foreign and Domestic Activities of the Meat and Poultry Inspection Program, Food Safety and Inspection Service, required by Federal Meat Inspection Act, as amended by the Wholesome Meat Act of 1967, and the Poultry Products Inspection Act, as amended by the Wholesome Poultry Products Act of 1968. Submitted by USDA, Feb. 28, 1986.

Forest Service land acquisitions approved, required by P.L. 94-588. Submitted by USDA, Mar. 5, 1986.

Forest Service: Final Environmental Impact Statement on Land and Resource Management Plan for Chattahooche and Oconee National Forests, required by National Forest Management Act of 1976. Submitted by USDA, Mar. 5, 1986.

Forest Service: Final Environmental Impact Statement on Land and Resource Management Plan for Caribou National Forest, required by National Forest Management Act of 1976. Submitted by USDA, Mar. 5, 1986.

USDA: Report on implementation of provisions relating to Commodity Supplemental Food Program, pursuant to P.L. 99-190 and P.L. 99-198. Submitted by USDA, Mar. 10, 1986.

Grazing Fee Review and Evaluation Report and the Experimental Stewardship Report, required by P.L. 99-514. Submitted by Secretary of the Interior, Mar. 10, 1986.

Farm Credit Administration: New regulations relating to the organization, capitalization, and corporate powers for the Farm Credit System Capital Corporation, and final regulations on a finding of good cause, based on the congressional mandate that the Corporation be chartered within 60 days of enactment of Farm

Credit Amendments Act of 1985 and operational as soon as possible, required by sec. 5.17(b)(1) of Farm Credit Act of 1971, as amended. Submitted by FCA, Mar. 10, 1986.

Biomass energy and alcohol fuels program October 1–December 31, 1985, required by sec. 218(a) of P.L. 96–294. Submitted by Secretary of Energy, Mar. 12, 1986.

Forest Service summaries of two Land and Water Conservation Fund proposed acquisitions, required by sec. 17(b) of Act of October 22, 1976. Submitted by USDA, Mar. 12, 1986.

Federal Crop Insurance Corporation summary of business report for February 1986, required by P.L. 97–566. Submitted by USDA, Mar. 14, 1986.

Commodity Futures Trading Commission: Review of audit trail amendments by OMB under Paperwork Reduction Act, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by CFTC, Mar. 17, 1986.

Food Stamp Program. Monthly expenditures for January 1986 and cumulative spending total for FY 1986 through January, required by sec. 18(b) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended by P.L. 96–58. Submitted by USDA, Mar. 17, 1986.

Farm Credit Administration advising of technical changes to final new regulations, required by sec. 5.17(b)(1) of Farm Credit Act of 1971, as amended. Submitted by FCA, Mar. 17, 1986.

Farm Credit Administration proposed amendment and new regulations pertaining to mergers, consolidations, and territorial transfers; receiverships and conservatorships; and shareholder/borrower rights, required by sec. 5.17(b)(1) of Farm Credit Act of 1971. Submitted by FCA, Mar. 17, 1986.

Office of Technology Assessment: Annual Report to the Congress for Fiscal Year 1985, required by P.L. 92–484. Submitted by OTA, Mar. 19, 1986.

Farm Credit Administration notice of hearing on Amarillo Production Credit Association liquidation, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by FCA, Mar. 24, 1986.

Charter: Joint Nutrition Monitoring Evaluation Committee, required by P.L. 92–463. Submitted by USDA, Mar. 25, 1986.

Forest Service proposed land acquisitions, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by USDA, Mar. 25, 1986.

Food and Nutrition Service: Proposed rules on administrative review process for claims against State agencies required by sec. 14 of the Food Stamp Act and process for resolving disputes over case findings that arise between Federal and State quality control reviewers, required by P.L. 99–198. Submitted by USDA, Mar. 25, 1986.

Packers and Stockyards Administration: Proposed regulations to fulfill the responsibility of the Secretary of Agriculture under the clear title section of the Food Security Act of 1985, required by P.L. 99–198. Submitted by USDA, Mar. 26, 1986.

Food and Nutrition Service transmittal of final regulation improving accessibility to Food Stamp Program for the working poor and single elderly/disabled households, required by P.L. 99–198, the Food Security Act of 1985. Submitted by USDA, Mar. 27, 1986.

USDA: Report on avoidance of adverse effect of milk production termination program on beef, pork, and lamb producers, required by sec. 104 of P.L. 99-198. Submitted by USDA, Mar. 27, 1986.

USDA: Study of Farm and Home Plan of Farmers Home Administration, required by sec. 1329 of Food Security Act of 1985, P.L. 99-198. Submitted by USDA, Mar. 31, 1986.

Food and Nutrition Service: Characteristics of Food Stamp Households, February 1983, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by USDA, Mar. 31, 1986.

Economic Research Service: Foreign Ownership of U.S. Agricultural Land Through December 31, 1985, required by sec. 5 of Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act. Submitted by USDA, April, 1986.

USDA: Effects of Casein Imports, required by sec. 106 of Food Security Act of 1985. Submitted by USDA, Apr. 1, 1986.

Forest Service: Interior report on Southern Pine Beetle Suppression Draft Environmental Impact Statement, required by Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act, as amended by the National Forest Management Act. Submitted by USDA, Apr. 2, 1986.

Commodity Futures Trading Commission: Amendment to Commission Rule 33.4(a)(6) to permit an increase from two to five contracts the number of options on "domestic agricultural" futures contracts for which domestic exchanges may be designated as contract markets, pursuant to sec. 206 of P.L. 97-444. Submitted by CFTC, Apr. 4, 1986.

Forest Service proposed land acquisitions approved, required by sec. 17(b) of P.L. 94-588. Submitted by USDA, Apr. 7, 1986.

Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act: Third quarterly commodity and country allocation table showing current programming plans for food assistance under titles I/III of Public Law 480 for fiscal year 1986, required by sec. 408(b) of the Act. Submitted by USDA, Apr. 7, 1986. Executive Communication 3269.

Agricultural Research Service: Quarterly report on research progress in the ARS, required by report of House Committee on Appropriations on the Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies Appropriation Bill, 1985 (H. Rept. 98-809). Submitted by USDA, Apr. 7, 1986.

Economic Research Service: Report on foreign investment in U.S. agricultural land, required by sec. 5 of Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act of 1978. Submitted by USDA, Apr. 8, 1986.

Food and Nutrition Service: Interim regulation to implement the amendment concerning charging of fees by financial institutions for redemption of food stamps submitted by retail food stores, required by P.L. 99-198. Submitted by USDA, Apr. 8, 1986.

Federal Crop Insurance Corporation: Summary of business report for March 1986, required by P.L. 97-566. Submitted by USDA, Apr. 8, 1986.

Report of status of Annual Report on the Use of Alcohol in Fuels, required by P.L. 95-618. Submitted by Department of Energy, Apr. 10, 1986.

USDA: Notice of intent to terminate the hop marketing order, required by sec. 1662(a) of P.L. 99-198. Submitted by USDA; Apr. 10, 1986.

Forest Service: Summary of Land and Water Conservation Fund purchase case proposed for acquisition, required by sec. 17(b) of Act of Oct. 22, 1976. Submitted by USDA, Apr. 11, 1986.

Charter: Advisory Committee on CFTC-State Cooperation, required by sec. 9(c) and 14(b)(I) of Federal Advisory Committee Act. Submitted by CFTC, Apr. 11, 1986.

Food Stamp Program. Monthly expenditures for February 1986 and cumulative spending total for FY 1986 through February, required by sec. 18(b) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended by P.L. 96-58. Submitted by USDA, Apr. 15, 1986.

Forest Service 1985 annual report, required by sec. 7(c) of P.L. 94-588, as amended by the National Forest Management Act of 1976. Submitted by USDA, Apr. 16, 1986.

Food and Nutrition Service: Proposed rule entitled "Food Stamp Program: Food Stamp Issuance and Issuance Liability Rules", pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by USDA, Apr. 17, 1986.

Charter: National Agricultural Cost of Production Standards Review Board, required by P.L. 92-463. Submitted by USDA, Apr. 17, 1986.

USDA: Notice of Intent to Terminate Marketing Order 930-Cherries Grown in Michigan, New York, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Virginia, West Virginia and Maryland, required by sec. 1662(a) of P.L. 99-198. Submitted by USDA, Apr. 17, 1986.

Forest Service: Final Environmental Impact Statement of Land and Resource Management Plan for the National Forests of Alabama, required by the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act, as amended by the National Forest Management Act. Submitted by USDA, Apr. 18, 1986.

Forest Service: Final Environmental Impact Statement on the Land and Resource Management Plan for the Caribbean National Forest, required by the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act, as amended by the National Forest Management Act. Submitted by USDA, Apr. 18, 1986.

Agricultural Marketing Service: Report of request under Freedom of Information Act to release names and addresses of producers participating in almond marketing order program, required by sec. 1663 of Food Security Act of 1985, P.L. 99-198. Submitted by USDA, Apr. 21, 1986.

USDA: Report on GAO recommendations entitled "Food Inventory", required by sec. 236 of Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970. Submitted by USDA, Apr. 21, 1986, and forwarded by Government Operations Committee.

Farmers Home Administration: Individual Facilities for Rural Water and Waste Disposal, required by sec. 1304 of Food Security Act of 1985, P.L. 99-198. Submitted by USDA, Apr. 21, 1986.

Dairy products used by Veterans Administration, October 1985-March 1986, required by sec. 204(d) of 83-690. Submitted by VA, Apr. 24, 1986.

Statistical Reporting Service: Notice of changing name of Statistical Reporting Service to National Agricultural Statistics Service, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by USDA, Apr. 25, 1986.

Forest Service land acquisitions approved, required by sec. 17(b) of P.L. 94-588. Submitted by USDA, Apr. 28, 1986.

USDA: Report to Congress on the implementation of section 1166 of Food Security Act of 1985 referring to the identification of the end users of imported flue-cured and burley tobacco, required by sec. 1166 of P.L. 99-198. Submitted by USDA, Apr. 28, 1986.

Food and Nutrition Service: Rulemaking providing for differing allotment levels for urban, rural I, and rural II Alaska, required by P.L. 97-98. Submitted by USDA, Apr. 28, 1986.

USDA: Change in Effective Date for Terminating Marketing Order No. 930 Regulating Cherries Grown in Michigan, New york, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Virginia, West Virginia, and Maryland, required by sec. 930.73(c) of marketing order. Submitted by USDA, Apr. 28, 1986.

USDA: Notice of rulemaking action conducted by the Department under the Honey Research, Promotion, and Consumer Information Act, required by P.L. 99-198. Submitted by USDA, Apr. 30, 1986.

Food and Nutrition Service: 1986 update on Food Stamp Program management efforts, required by P.L. 99-198. Submitted by USDA, May 1, 1986.

Food and Nutrition Service: Final Report on the Evaluation of Alternatives to Commodity Donation in the National School Lunch Program, required by P.L. 96-528. Submitted by USDA, May 1, 1986.

USDA: Study on effect of apricot imports into the U.S. on the domestic apricot industry, extent and nature of apricot subsidies in countries which supply imported products to the U.S., required by sec. 1152 of P.L. 99-198. Submitted by USDA, May 1, 1986.

Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service: Draft Environmental Impact Statement on USDA acreage adjustment programs, required by National Environmental Policy Act of 1968. Submitted by USDA, May 5, 1986.

Five-Year Plan for the Food and Agricultural Sciences, required by P.L. 97-98. Submitted by Joint Council on Food and Agricultural Sciences, May 6, 1986.

Commodity Futures Trading Commission: Amendments to Parts 1, 5, 16 and 33 of Commission's rules relating to pilot programs for the trading of options, required by sec. 206 of P.L. 97-444. Submitted by CFTC, May 7, 1986.

Federal Crop Insurance Corporation summary of business report for April 1986, required by P.L. 97-566. Submitted by USDA, May 7, 1986.

Charters: National Plant Genetic Resources Board and Policy Advisory Committee for the Science and Education Grants Program, required by P.L. 92-463. Submitted by USDA, May 8, 1986.

Federal Grain Inspection Service: Fourth Quarterly Report of Complaints and Inquiries from Foreign Buyers and others Concerning Grain Inspected and Weighed Under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended for Fiscal Year 1985, required by sec. 16(b) of U.S. Grain Standards Act, as amended. Submitted by USDA, May 9, 1986.

Forest Service proposed land acquisition in San Bernardino, California, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by USDA, May 12, 1986.

Forest Service summary of Land and Water Conservation Fund purchase case proposed for acquisition, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by USDA, May 12, 1986.

USDA: Report on proposed regulations relating to establishment of farm poundage quotas and other provisions for 1986 through 1990 crops of peanuts, required by 99-198. Submitted by USDA, May 13, 1986.

Food Stamp Program. Monthly expenditures for March 1986 and cumulative spending total for FY 1986 through March, required by sec. 18(b) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended by P.L. 96-58. Submitted by USDA, May 14, 1986.

Rural Housing: Opportunities to Reduce Costs and Better Target Assistance, required by sec. 236 of Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970. Submitted by USDA, May 14, 1986, and forwarded by Government Operations Committee.

Food and Nutrition Service: Final rule implementing certain nondiscretionary provisions of Food Security Act of 1985, required by P.L. 99-198. Submitted by USDA, May 15, 1986.

Charter: Flue-Cured Tobacco Advisory Committee, National Advisory Committee for Tobacco Inspection Services, required by P.L. 92-463. Submitted by USDA, May 19, 1986.

Forest Service: Final Environmental Impact Statement on Land and Resource Management Plan for Beaverhead National Forest, required by the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act, as amended by the National Forest Management Act. Submitted by USDA, May 22, 1986.

Forest Service: Final Environmental Impact Statement on Land and Resource Management Plan for Cherokee National Forest, required by the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act, as amended by the National Forest Management Act. Submitted by USDA, May 22, 1986.

Seventh Annual Report on the Use of Alcohol in Fuels, required by sec. 221(c) of P.L. 95-618. Submitted by Secretary of Energy, May 27, 1986.

Food and Nutrition Service: Notice which adjusts the income eligibility standards for the Food Stamp Program to account for changes in the cost of living, required by sec. 5(c) of Food Stamp Act of 1977. Submitted by USDA, May 27, 1986.

USDA: Impact of imports of Brazilian ethanol on the domestic price of corn and other grains and the domestic ethanol refining industry, required by sec. 1155 of P.L. 99-198. Submitted by USDA, May 28, 1986.

Office of Inspector General: Semiannual report to Congress for the period October 1, 1985, through March 31, 1986, required by P.L. 95-452. Submitted by USDA, May 29, 1986.

USDA: Nutrition Monitoring in the United States; A Progress Report from the Joint Nutrition Monitoring Evaluation Committee, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by USDA, May 30, 1986.

USDA: Report on implementation of the rice program, required by the Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended by the Food Security Act of 1985. Submitted by USDA, June 2, 1986.

Food and Nutrition Service: Interim rule specifying that applicants for or recipients of social security Title II benefits are to be provided with information on the availability of Food Stamp Program benefits and availability of an application at the Social Security Administration offices to participate in the program, required by sec. 1507 of P.L. 99-198. Submitted by USDA, June 2, 1986.

Forest Service: Summary of land acquisitions proposed by the Forest Service, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by USDA, June 5, 1986.

Farm Credit Administration: Final regulations establishing rules of practice and procedure applicable to formal and informal hearings held before the FCA and to formal investigations conducted under the Farm Credit Act of 1971, as amended; and prescribing rules with regard to who may practice before FCA and when such persons may be suspended or disbarred from practice, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by FCA, June 6, 1986.

Farm Credit Administration: Final regulation relating to the funding of and assessment by the Capital Corporation, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by FCA, June 5, 1986.

Farm Credit Administration: Proposed new regulations pertaining to capital adequacy and minimum capital for Farm Credit System institutions, required by P.L. 99-205. Submitted by FCA, June 5, 1986.

Farm Credit Administration: Final amended regulations supplementing requirements adopted by FCA on March 13, 1986, that Farm Credit System banks and associations make financial disclosure to their stockholders, required by P.L. 99-205. Submitted by FCA, June 5, 1986.

Semiannual Report on the activities of the Office of Inspector General, U.S. Department of Commerce, for the period October 1, 1985, through March 31, 1986, required by P.L. 95-452. Submitted by Department of Commerce, June 9, 1986.

Agricultural Research Service: Research Progress in 1985 Report, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by USDA, June 10, 1986.

Forest Service summaries of two Land and Water Conservation Fund purchase cases proposed for acquisition by the Forest Service, required by sec. 17(b) of National Forest Management Act of 1976, P.L. 94-588. Submitted by USDA, June 11, 1986.

Agricultural Marketing Service: Report of request under Freedom of Information Act to release names and addresses of producers participating in navel and valencia orange marketing order program, required by sec. 1663 of Food Security Act of 1985, P.L. 99-198. Submitted by USDA, June 11, 1986.

Agricultural Marketing Service: Report of request under Freedom of Information Act to release names and addresses of producers participating in almond marketing order program, required by sec. 1663 of Food Security Act of 1985, P.L. 99-198. Submitted by USDA, June 11, 1986.

Agricultural Marketing Service: Report of request under Freedom of Information Act to release names and addresses of produc-

ers participating in almond marketing order program, required by sec. 1663 of Food Security Act of 1985, P.L. 99-198. Submitted by USDA, June 11, 1986.

Federal Crop Insurance Corporation: Summary of business report for May 1986, required by P.L. 97-566. Submitted by USDA, June 19, 1986.

Forest Service Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Land and Resource Management Plan for Helena National Forest, required by Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act, as amended by the National Forest Management Act. Submitted by USDA, June 20, 1986.

Forest Service: Final environmental documents for the Toiyabe National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan, required by the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act, as amended by the National Forest Management Act. Submitted by USDA, June 20, 1986.

General Accounting Office: Interior report on sanitation standards for and labeling of imported agricultural commodities and effectiveness of USDA screening of imported live animals and meat for prohibited foreign matter and chemicals, required by sec. 1703 of P.L. 99-198. Submitted by GAO, June 20, 1986.

Food Stamp Program. Monthly expenditures for April 1986 and cumulative spending total for FY 1986 through April, required by sec. 18(b) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended by P.L. 96-58. Submitted by USDA, June 20, 1986.

Rural Electrification Administration: Report of activities of Rural Electrification Administration during fiscal years, 1984 and 1985, required by sec. 10 of Rural Electrification Act of 1936. Submitted by USDA, June 23, 1986.

USDA: Second biannual report on collaborative efforts between the Federal Grain Inspection Service and the Agricultural Research Service to develop news means of grain classification, required by sec. 1672 of P.L. 99-198. Submitted by USDA, June 25, 1986.

National Advisory Committee on Oceans and Atmosphere report on acid rain, required by P.L. 95-63. Submitted by NACOA, June 25, 1986.

Department of Energy: Report on biomass energy and alcohol fuels program for the period January 1 through March 31, 1986, required by sec. 218(a) of P.L. 96-294. Submitted by Secretary of Energy, June 25, 1986.

USDA: Report to Congress on the Dairy Promotion Program, required by sec. 301(4) of P.L. 98-180. Submitted by USDA, June 30, 1986.

Forest Service: Final Environmental Impact Statement for Land and Resource Management Plan for Lewis and Clark National Forest, required by Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act, as amended by the National Forest Management Act. Submitted by USDA, June 30, 1986.

Food and Nutrition Service notice on a Disaster Task Force for the Food Stamp Program and Food Distribution Program, required by P.L. 99-198. Submitted by USDA, July 1, 1986.

Agricultural Research Service: Ninth Quarterly Report on Research Progress in the ARS, required by H. Rept. 98-809. Submitted by USDA, July 1, 1986.

Environmental Protection Agency: Proposed rule authorizing the EPA to collect fees for certain registration activities required of the Agency, required by P.L. 95-396. Submitted by EPA, July 3, 1986.

USDA: Secretary's Annual Report on Implementation of the Agriculture Trade Act of 1978, required by the Act. Submitted by USDA, July 7, 1986.

USDA: Report on Effects of Terminating Lease and Transfer of Flue-Cured Tobacco Quotas and Allotments, required by Dairy and Tobacco Adjustment Act of 1983. Submitted by USDA, July 8, 1986.

Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act: Fourth quarterly commodity and country allocation table showing current programming plans for food assistance under titles I/III of Public Law 480 for fiscal year 1986, required by sec. 408(b) of the Act. Submitted by USDA, July 8, 1986. Executive Communication 3861.

Agricultural Marketing Service: Report of request under Freedom of Information Act to release names and addresses of producers participating in the raisin marketing order program, required by sec. 1663 of P.L. 99-198. Submitted by USDA, July 11, 1986.

Federal Crop Insurance Corporation: Report on the Pilot Program of Individual Risk Underwriting for Crop Insurance Rates and Guarantees 1981-85 Crop Years, required by sec. 508(6)(i) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act. Submitted by USDA, July 11, 1986.

Food Stamp Program. Monthly expenditures for May 1986 and cumulative spending total for FY 1986 through May, required by sec. 18(b) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended by P.L. 96-58. Submitted by USDA, July 14, 1986.

USDA: Annual Report on Agricultural Trade Consultations, required by sec. 1123 of P.L. 99-398. Submitted by USDA, July 14, 1986. Excecutive Communication 3968.

Food Safety and Inspection Service: FSIS Future Agenda; Response to the NAS Recommendations, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by USDA, July 17, 1986.

Federal Grain Inspection Service: First Quarterly Report of Complaints and Inquiries from Foreign Buyers and others Concerning Grain Inspected and Weighed Under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended, for Fiscal Year 1986, required by sec. 16(b) of the United States Grain Standards Act. Submitted by USDA, July 22, 1986.

Forest Service: Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Land and Resource Management Plan for the Cleveland National Forest, required by Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act, as amended by the National Forest Management Act. Submitted by USDA, July 23, 1986.

Agricultural Marketing Service: Report of request under Freedom of Information Act to release names and addresses of producers participating in the dried prune marketing order program, required by sec. 1663 of P.L. 99-198. Submitted by USDA, July 24, 1986.

Federal Crop Insurance Corporation: Summary of business report for June 1986, required by P.L. 97-566. Submitted by USDA, July 28, 1986.

USDA: Report on termination of hop marketing order and producer referendum, required by Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937. Submitted by USDA, July 29, 1986.

Federal Crop Insurance Corporation: Report on practice of offsetting the quantity of winter and spring wheat and the feasibility of including winterkill as a cause of loss of wheat crops under policies offered by the FCIC, required by sec. 1022 of P.L. 99-198. Submitted by USDA, July 30, 1986.

USDA: Report on tobacco grading and disaster crop designation, required by sec. 1110 of Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985. Submitted by USDA, Aug. 1, 1986.

Biotechnology: Agriculture's Regulatory System Need Clarification, required by sec. 236 of Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970. Submitted by USDA, Aug. 1, 1986, and forwarded by Committee on Government Operations.

USDA: Approval of five land-for-land exchanges proposed by Forest Service, required by sec. 17(b) of P.L. 94-588. Submitted by USDA, Aug. 2, 1986.

USDA: Forest Service land acquisitions approved, required by sec. 17(b) of P.L. 94-588. Submitted by USDA, Aug. 2, 1986.

USDA: Approval of timber-for-timber exchange proposed by Forest Service, required by sec. 17(b) of P.L. 94-588. Submitted by USDA, Aug. 2, 1986.

Forest Service: Summary of scenic easement purchase by Forest Service for Sawtooth National Recreation Area, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by USDA, Aug. 4, 1986.

USDA: Forest Service land acquisition approved, required by sec. 17(b) of P.L. 94-588. Submitted by USDA, Aug. 6, 1986.

Forest Service: A Recommended Renewable Resources Program: 1985-2030, 1985 update, required by Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resource Planning Act of 1974, as amended. Submitted by USDA, Aug. 6, 1986.

USDA: Proposed purchase by Forest Service, required by sec. 17(b) of P.L. 94-588. Submitted by USDA, Aug. 6, 1986.

Farm Credit Administration: Report of Study for the Establishment of an Insurance Fund, required by sec. 1327(a) of P.L. 99-198. Submitted by FCA, Aug. 8, 1986.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service: Horse Protection Enforcement, 1986; Annual Report of the Secretary of Agriculture to the President of the United States Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, required by the Horse Protection Act, P.L. 91-540, as amended by P.L. 94-360. Submitted by USDA, Aug. 8, 1986.

Food and Nutrition Service: Interim rule making certain recipients of public assistance (PA) and supplemental security income (SSI) benefits eligible for food stamps because of their status as PA and/or SSI recipients, required by sec. 1507(a) of P.L. 99-198. Submitted by USDA, Aug. 11, 1986.

USDA: Study of Appeals Procedures in FmHA Farmer Programs, required by sec. 1313 of P.L. 99-198. Submitted by USDA, Aug. 11, 1986.

Federal Crop Insurance Corporation: Summary of business report for July 1986, required by P.L. 97-566. Submitted by USDA, Aug. 11, 1986.

Federal Grain Inspection Service: Third Quarterly Report of Complaints and Inquiries from Foreign Buyers and Others Concerning Grain Inspected and Weighed Under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended, for Fiscal Year 1986, required by sec. 16(b) of United States Grain Standards Act. Submitted by USDA, Aug. 12, 1986.

Forest Service: Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Land and Resource Management Plan for the Toiyabe National Forest, required by Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resource Planning Act, as amended by the National Forest Management Act. Submitted by USDA, Aug. 12, 1986.

Food Stamp Program. Monthly expenditures for June 1986 and cumulative spending total for FY 1986 through June, required by sec. 18(b) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended by P.L. 96-58. Submitted by USDA, Aug. 14, 1986.

USDA: Federal Grain Inspection Service's Quarterly Report on Foreign Grain Quality and Weighing Complaints for second quarter of fiscal year 1986, required by sec. 16(b) of United States Grain Standards Act, as amended. Submitted by USDA, Aug. 14, 1986.

Food and Nutrition Service: Final rule implementing student provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985, required by P.L. 99-198. Submitted by USDA, Aug. 19, 1986.

Food and Nutrition Service: New allotment levels for use in Food Stamp Program, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by USDA, Aug. 20, 1986.

Forest Service: Summary of two proposed exchanges and one proposed purchase, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by USDA, Aug. 28, 1986.

Federal Crop Insurance Corporation: Report Reviewing method of establishing insurable crop yields for policies offered by the FCIC and the need for the use of an alternative method in counties which have been frequently designated disaster areas, required by P.L. 99-198. Submitted by USDA, Aug. 29, 1986.

Commodity Credit Corporation: Report of the President of the Commodity Credit Corporation, 1985, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by USDA, Sept. 2, 1986.

Farm Credit Administration: Proposed regulations deleting certain prior approval requirements contained in current regulations and incorporating requirements contained in the proposed capital adequacy regulations, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by FCA, Sept. 4, 1986.

USDA: Final Regulatory Impact Analysis for the 1986 farm commodity programs for feed grains, wheat, rice, upland cotton, and ELS cotton, required by P.L. 99-198. Submitted by USDA, Sept. 4, 1986.

Agricultural Marketing Service: Report of request under Freedom of Information Act to release names and addresses of producers participating in the almond marketing order program, required by sec. 1663 of P.L. 99-198. Submitted by USDA, Sept. 4, 1986.

USDA: Report of actions taken on the recommendations in GAO Report RCED-86-88, dated June 1986, "Farmers Home Administra-

tion: Federally Acquired Farm Property Presents a Management Challenge", required by Legislative Reorganization Act. Submitted by USDA, Sept. 8, 1986, and forwarded by the Government Operations Committee.

Charters: Advisory Committee on Foreign Animal and Poultry Diseases, Animal Health Science Research Advisory Board, and National Animal Damage Control Advisory Committee, required by P.L. 92-463. Submitted by USDA, Sept. 8, 1986.

Farm Credit Administration: Final regulations relating to matters involving charter amendments, mergers, consolidations, territory transfers, conservatorships, and receiverships, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by FCA, Sept. 9, 1986.

USDA: Report on proposed rule to improve funds allocation formula for Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by USDA, Sept. 10, 1986.

USDA: Low-Income Women 19-50 Years and Their Children 1-5 Years, 1 Day, Nationwide Food Consumption Survey, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by USDA, Sept. 10, 1986.

Forest Service: Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Land and Resource Management Plan for Humboldt National Forest, required by Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act, as amended by the National Forest Management Act. Submitted by USDA, Sept. 12, 1986.

Forest Service: Summary of four proposed exchanges, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by USDA, Sept. 15, 1986.

Food Stamp Program: Monthly expenditures for July 1986 and cumulative spending total for FY 1986 through July, required by sec. 18(b) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended by P.L. 96-58. Submitted by USDA, Sept. 15, 1986.

Federal Crop Insurance Corporation: Summary of business report for August 1986, required by P.L. 97-566. Submitted by USDA, Sept. 15, 1986.

Agricultural Marketing Service: Report of request under Freedom of Information Act to release names and addresses of producers participating in the peach, plum, nectarine and pear marketing order programs, required by sec. 1663 of P.L. 99-198. Submitted by USDA, Sept. 17, 1986.

Twenty-fourth Quarterly Report on General Business Energy Development, required by sec. 218(a) of P.L. 96-294. Submitted by Secretary of Energy, Sept. 22, 1986. Executive Communication 4263.

USDA: Approval of land for timber exchange, required by P.L. 94-598. Submitted by USDA, Sept. 29, 1986.

Forest Service: Notice of intent of the Departments of the Army and Agriculture to interchange civil works and Forest Service lands at Patoka Lake, Indiana, required by the Act of July 26, 1956. Submitted by USDA, Sept. 30, 1986. Executive Communication 4306.

USDA: Notice of transfer of $3 million of fiscal year 1986 appropriated funds within the P.L. 480 program from the Title II account to the Title I/III account, required by Continuing Appropriations Act of 1986. Submitted by USDA, Sept. 30, 1986.

HHS: Comments on GAO's report, "Benefit Overpayments: Recoveries Could be Increased in the Food Stamp and AFDC Programs", required by sec. 236 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970. Submitted by HHS, Sept. 30, 1986, and forewarded by Committee on Government Operations.

Farm Credit Administration: Proposed new and amended regulations relating to Farm Credit System institutions' investment activities, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by FCA, Oct. 1, 1986.

USDA: Approval of land-for-land exchanges, required by sec. 17(b) of National Forest Management Act of 1976, P.L. 94-598. Submitted by USDA, Oct 1, 1986.

Charters: Advisory Committee on Foreign Animal and Poultry Diseases, Advisory Committee on Instrument Standards for Cotton, Agribusiness Promotion Council, Agriculture Export Enhancement Advisory Group, Agriculture Structure Planning Advisory Committee, Citizens Advisory Committee on Equal Opportunity, Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee, Flue-Cured Tobacco Advisory Committee, Food and Agricultural Sciences National Needs Graduate Fellowships Grant Committee, General Conference Committee of the National Poultry Improvement Plan, Hop Marketing Advisory Board, Human Nutrition Board of Scientific Counsellors, Joint Nutrition Monitoring Evaluation Committee, National Advisory Council on Rural Development, National Arboretum Advisory Council, National Plant Genetic Resources Board, Policy Advisory Committee for the Science and Education Research Grants Program, Technical Advisory Committee for the Science an ' Education Research Grant Program, required by sec. 1804 of Agriculture and Food Act of 1981. Submitted by USDA, Oct. 2, 1986.

Agricultural Research Service: Tenth quarterly report on research progress in the ARS, required by Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies Appropriation Bill, 1985, H. Rept. 98-809. Submitted by USDA, Oct. 3, 1986.

Joint Council on Food and Agricultural Sciences: Fiscal Year 1988 Priorities for Research, Etension, and High Education, required by Title XIV of Agricultural and Food Act of 1981 and Food Security Act of 1985. Submitted by USDA, Oct. 6, 1986.

USDA: Approval of land-for-land exchanges, required by sec. 17(b) of National Forest Management Act of 1976, P.L. 94-598. Submitted by USDA, Oct. 10, 1986.

Food and Nutrition Service: Notice of adjustments in the Thrifty Food Plan, required by Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended. Submitted by USDA, Oct. 10, 1986.

Agricultural Marketing Service: Report of request under Freedom of Information Act to release names and addresses of producers participating in the orange marketing order program, required by sec. 1663 of the Food Security Act of 1985, amending the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937. Submitted by USDA, Oct. 10, 1986.

USDA: Initial commodity and country allocation table for food assistance under Titles I/III of Public Law 480 for fiscal year 1987, required by sec. 408(b) and sec. 111 of the Act. Submitted by USDA, Oct. 10, 1986.

Food Stamp Program. Monthly expenditures for August 1986 and cumulative spending total for FY 1986 through August, required by sec. 18(a) of Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended by P.L. 96-58. Submitted by USDA, Oct. 15, 1986.

Federal Crop Insurance Corporation: Summary of business report for September 1986, required by P.L. 97-566. Submitted by USDA, Oct. 16, 1986.

Farm Credit Administration: Final regulations concerning rights of applicants and dealing with the disclosure of interest rates and related information; practices related to applications for extensions of credit; forbearance policies; notices of equity retirement; access to stockholder lists; and the disclosure of loan documents, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by FCA, Oct. 17, 1986.

Charter: Federal Grain Inspection Service Advisory Committee, required by P.L. 92-463. Submitted by USDA, Oct. 21, 1986.

Forest Service: Summary of proposed land-for-land exchange, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by USDA, Oct. 22, 1986.

Dairy products acquired from the Commodity Credit Corporation by the Veterans Administration, required by sec. 204(d) of P.L. 83-690. Submitted by Veterans Administration, Oct. 23, 1986.

USDA: Report on new project at Harry S. Truman Animal Import Center on risks associated with importing cattle embryos from countries where foot-and-mouth disease exists, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by USDA, Oct. 24, 1986.

Farmers Home Administration: Report on processing of rural housing loan payments, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by USDA, Oct. 24, 1986.

Charter: Florida National Scenic Trail Advisory Council, required by P.L. 92-463. Submitted by USDA, Oct. 27, 1986.

USDA: Fourth Progress Report on Human Nutrition Research and Information Management System, required by sec. 1427 of P.L. 97-98. Submitted by USDA, Oct. 28, 1986.

Forest Service: Land-for-land exchange in Minnesota, required by sec. 17(b) of National Forest Management Act of 1976, P.L. 94-598. Submitted by USDA, Oct. 29, 1986.

Forest Service: Summary of five proposed exchange cases, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by USDA, Oct. 30, 1986.

Forest Service: Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Land and Resource Management Plan for the Targhee National Forest, required by Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act, as amended by the National Forest Management Act. Submitted by USDA, Oct. 30, 1986.

Federal Crop Insurance Corporation: Report on synopses of Board of Directors Meetings, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by USDA, Oct. 30, 1986.

Forest Service: Summary of proposed land-for-land/land-for-timber exchange, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by USDA, Nov. 3, 1986.

Farmers Home Administration: Report on participation in IRS offset program whereby tax refunds, otherwise paid to certain de-

linquent housing borrowers, are instead credited to amounts owed FmHA, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by USDA, Nov. 6, 1986.

USDA: 1985 Annual Report on the Food and Agricultural Sciences, required by sec. 14110 of National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977, as amended. Submitted by USDA, Nov. 7, 1986.

USDA: Federal Grain Inspection Service's Fourth Quarterly Report of Complaints and Inquiries from Foreign Buyers and others Concerning Grain Inspected and weighed Under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended, for Fiscal Year 1986, required by sec. 16(b) of United States Grain Standards Act, as amended. Submitted by USDA, Nov. 10, 1986.

Charter: Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection, required by P.L. 92-463. Submitted by USDA, Nov. 10, 1986.

USDA: Annual Report on Status of Family Farms, required by sec. 1441 of P.L. 99-198. Submitted by USDA, Nov. 12, 1986.

USDA: Notice of approval of Forest Service proposed land-for-land exchanges, required by sec. 17(b) of National Forest Management Act of 1976, P.L. 94-598. Submitted by USDA, Nov. 12, 1986.

Commodity Futures Trading Commission: Notice of FY 1988 budget preparation and assumptions, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by CFTC, Nov. 12, 1986.

Economic Research Service: Embargoes, Surplus Disposal, and U.S. Agriculture, required by 1985 Supplemental Appropriations Bill. Submitted by USDA, Nov. 12, 1986.

Food Stamp Program. Monthly expenditures for September 1986 and cumulative spending total for FY 1986 through September, required by sec. 18(b) of Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended. Submitted by USDA, Nov. 13, 1986.

Forest Service: Summary of two proposed land-for-land exchanges, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by USDA, Nov. 14, 1986.

Farm Credit Administration: Farm Credit System—Analysis of Financial Condition, required by sec. 236 of Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970. Submitted by FCA, Nov. 17, 1986, and forwarded by Committee on Government Operations.

Charter: National Commission on Dairy Policy, required by P.L. 92-463. Submitted by USDA, Nov. 17, 1986.

Charter: Plant Variety Protection Advisory Board, required by P.L. 92-463. Submitted by USDA, Nov. 17, 1986.

Farm Credit Administration: Report on implementation of guidelines addressing regulatory accounting, required by Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986. Submitted by FCA, Nov. 20, 1986.

Food and Nutrition Service: Final regulation establishing a dependent care deduction limit for elderly/disabled households, required by P.L. 99-500. Submitted by USDA, Nov. 21, 1986.

Federal Crop Insurance Corporation: Summary of business report for October 1986, required by P.L. 97-566. Submitted by USDA, Nov. 21, 1986.

USDA: Notice of approval of proposed land-for-land exchange, required by sec. 17(b) of National Forest Management Act of 1976, P.L. 94-588. Submitted by USDA, Nov. 21, 1986.

USDA: Notice of approval of proposed purchase, required by sec. 17(b) of National Forest Management Act of 1976, P.L. 94-598. Submitted by USDA, Nov. 26, 1986.

USDA: Notice of approval of proposed land-for-land exchange, required by sec. 17(b) of National Forest Management Act of 1976, P.L. 94-598. Submitted by USDA, Nov. 26, 1986.

Office of Inspector General: Semiannual Report to Congress, Office of Inspector General, April 1, 1986-September 30, 1986, required by P.L. 95-452. Submitted by USDA, Nov. 26, 1986.

USDA: Notice of approval of proposed purchase, required by Sec. 17(b) of National Forest Management Act of 1976, P.L. 94-598. Submitted by USDA, Nov. 28, 1986.

Forest Service: Summary of two proposed land-for-land exchanges, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by USDA, Nov. 28, 1986.

Charter: Biotechnology Science Advisory Committee, required by P.L. 92-463. Submitted by EPA, Dec. 1, 1986.

Charters: Revised for National Commission on Dairy Policy and the Plant Variety Protection Board, required by P.L. 92-463, Submitted by USDA, Dec. 1, 1986.

Food and Nutrition Service: Proposed regulations to implement Retailer/Wholesaler Amendments of Food Security Act of 1985, required by P.L. 99-198. Submitted by USDA, Dec. 2, 1986.

USDA: Appraisal of condition of soil, water, and related resources on nonfederal lands, required by sec. 7(c) of Soil and Water Resources Conservation Act of 1977, P.L. 95-192, as amended by P.L. 99-198. Submitted by USDA, Dec. 2, 1986.

Forest Service: Summary of purchase by Forest Service of land in Sawtooth National Recreation Area, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by EPA, Dec. 3, 1986.

USDA: Report on status of proposal rulemaking for Food Stamp Program's Employment and Training Requirements, required by P.L. 99-198. Submitted by EPA, Dec. 3, 1986.

EPA: Office of the Inspector General Semiannual Report to the Congress, April 1, 1986 through September 30, 1986, required by sec. 5(b) of Inspector General Act of 1978. Submitted by EPA, Dec. 4, 1986.

EPA: Draft proposed rule entitled "Registration of Pesticide and Active Ingredient Producing Establishments, Submission of Pesticide Reports", required by sec. 7 of 1978 amendments to FIFRA. Submitted by EPA, Dec. 5, 1986.

CFTC: Report on changes in pay and benefit costs related to January 1987 pay raise, required by Commodity Exchange Act. Submitted by CFTC, Dec. 9, 1986.

USDA: Semiannual report on volume of dairy products sold for export by the Commodity Credit Corporation, required by sec. 1163 of P.L. 99-198. Submitted by USDA, Dec. 9, 1986.

CFTC: Report on ex parte appointment of temporary receiver at granting of ex parte restraining order freezing books and assets of defendant charged with violation of Commodity Exchange Act, required by Futures Trading Act of 1986. Submitted by CFTC, Dec. 11, 1986.

Food Stamp Program. Monthly expenditures for October 1986 and cumulative spending total for FY 1986 through October, re-

quired by sec. 18(c) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended by P.L. 96-58. Submitted by USDA, Dec. 16, 1986.

USDA: Notice of approval of proposed land-for-land exchange, required by sec. 17(b) of the National Forest Management Act of 1976, P.L. 94-598. Submitted by USDA, Dec. 17, 1986.

USDA: Notice of approval of land-for-timber exchange, required by sec. 17(b) of National Forest Management Act of 1976, P.L. 94-598. Submitted by USDA, Dec. 17, 1986.

USDA: Notice of approval of land-for-timber exchange, required by sec. 17(b) of National Forest Management Act of 1976, P.L. 94-598. Submitted by USDA, Dec. 17, 1986.

USDA: Report by Office of Advocacy and Enterprise on status of USDA's EEO and Civil Rights Programs, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by USDA, Dec. 17, 1986.

Charter: General Conference Committee of the National Poultry Improvement Plan, required by P.L. 92-463. Submitted by USDA, Dec. 17, 1986.

Forest Service: Summary of proposed land-for-land exchange, Hecla Mining Co., pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by USDA, Dec. 18, 1986.

USDA: Notice of commodities available for distribution by State governments to eligible recipients under Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program, required by sec. 1564 of P.L. 99-198. Submitted by USDA, Dec. 23, 1986.

D. MEMORIALS AND PETITIONS

Petition 11—January 1, 1985; Petition of Office of the County Legislature, Suffolk County, New York, relative to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act.

Petition 21—January 30, 1985; Petition of Commission on Aging, Des Moines, Iowa, relative to agricultural land.

Memorial 8—February 19, 1985; A memorial of the Senate of the State of Iowa, relative to the farm debt crisis.

Memorial 19—March 4, 1985; A memorial of the Legislature of the State of Arkansas, relative to Arkansas farmers.

Memorial 22—March 5, 1985; A memorial of the Senate of the State of Michigan, relative to the financial dilemma in Michigan agriculture.

Petition 46—March 6, 1985; Petition of American Farm Bureau Federation, Washington, D.C., relative to additional credit for farmers.

Memorial 24—March 7, 1985; A memorial of the Legislature of the State of Arkansas, relative to farm programs.

Memorial 27—March 19, 1985; A memorial of the Legislature of the State of Nebraska, relative to providing significant agricultural relief.

Memorial 28—March 19, 1985; A memorial of the Legislature of the State of Kansas, relative to need for governmental support in the agricultural economic community.

Memorial 29—March 19, 1985; A memorial of the Legislature of the State of North Dakota, relative to the Soil Conservation Service.

Memorial 30—March 19, 1985; A memorial of the Legislature of the State of Idaho, relative to the farm economy.

Memorial 31—March 19, 1985; A memorial of the Legislature of the State of Idaho, relative to grasshopper infestations.

Memorial 39—March 20, 1985; A memorial of the Legislature of the State of Hawaii, relative to sugar.

Memorial 40—March 20, 1985; A memorial of the Legislature of the State of Wyoming, relative to interest rates.

Memorial 45—March 21, 1985; A memorial of the Legislature of the State of Hawaii, relative to sugar.

Memorial 46—March 21, 1985; A memorial of the Legislature of the State of Arkansas, relative to the Soil Conservation Service.

Petition 63—March 21, 1985; Petition of the Council of the County of Hawaii, Hilo, Hawaii, relative to sugar support.

Memorial 51—March 26, 1985; A memorial of the Legislature of the State of Michigan, relative to Commodity Credit Corporation.

Memorial 54—March 27, 1985; A memorial of the Legislature of the State of Illinois, relative to grain.

Memorial 62—April 4, 1985; A memorial of the Legislature of the State of Hawaii, relative to sugar price support.

Memorial 70—April 15, 1985; A memorial of the Legislature of the State of Indiana, relative to agricultural economic emergency.

Memorial 78—April 16, 1985; A memorial of the Legislature of the State of Kansas, relative to Federal grain grade standards.

Petition 87—April 24, 1985; Petition of the Council of the County of Maui, Wailuku, Hawaii, relative to the commodity provisions of the Agriculture and Food Act.

Petition 90—April 30, 1985; Petition of the City Council, San Angelo, Texas, relative to Federal funding for the Emergency Food Assistance Program.

Memorial 107—May 1, 1985; A memorial of the Legislature of the State of South Carolina, relative to the economic conditions of the Nation's farmers. (Referred jointly to Committees on Agriculture and Ways and Means.)

Memorial 108—May 1, 1985; A memorial of the Legislature of the State of South Carolina, relative to proposed Federal cutbacks in revenue sharing. (Referred jointly to Committees on Government Operations and Agriculture.)

Memorial 112—May 7, 1985; A memorial of the Senate of the State of Hawaii, relative to the Soil Conservation Service.

Memorial 113—May 7, 1985; A memorial of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, relative to funding for Federal meat inspection.

Petition 97—May 7, 1985; Petition of Executives' Conference, Federated States of Micronesia, Kolonia, Ponape, Eastern Caroline Islands, relative to the Farmers Home Administration programs.

Memorial 124—May 15, 1985; A memorial of the Legislature of the State of Hawaii, relative to the services of the U.S. Soil Conservation Service.

Petition 108—May 21, 1985; Petition of Lincoln Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, Lincoln, Nebraska, relative to the rural economic crisis.

Memorial 141—June 3, 1985; A memorial of the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, relative of levels of solids-not-fat in fluid milk.

Petition 112—June 3, 1985; Petition of the County Council, Hilo, Hawaii, relative to the Soil Conservation Service.

Petition 131—June 12, 1985; Petition of Common Council, Fort Wayne, Indiana, relative to experiments on animals.

Memorial 180—June 19, 1985; A memorial of the Legislature of the State of Tennessee, relative to the Silvicultural Lab at Sewanee, Tennessee.

Petition 146—June 19, 1985; Petition of Shiawassee County Board of Supervisors, Corunna, Michigan, relative to increasing farm income.

Memorial 187—June 26, 1985; A memorial of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana, relative to Farm Credit Relief Act of 1985.

Memorial 221—July 25, 1985; A memorial of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana, relative to sugar.

Memorial 234—September 4, 1985; A memorial of the Senate of the State of Louisiana, relative to the control and eradication of imported fire ants.

Petition 215—September 26, 1985; Petition of the Employees of the C&H Sugar Company, Crockett, California, relative to sugar.

Memorial 266—September 30, 1985; A memorial of the Legislature of the State of California, relative to National Forest revenue sharing. (Referred jointly to Committees on Agriculture and Interior and Insular Affairs.)

Petition 230—October 8, 1985; Petition of Pennington County, Thief River Falls, Minnesota, relative to the farm crisis.

Memorial 310—March 12, 1986; A memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, relative to the concept of tax-exempt financing to provide lower interest rates to American farmers. (Referred jointly to Committees on Agriculture and Ways and Means.)

Memorial 322—April 8, 1986; A memorial of the Senate of the State of Oklahoma, relative to the foreclosure actions by the Farmers Home Administration.

Petition 316—April 22, 1986; Petition of Turner-Hutchison Electric Cooperative, Inc., of Marion, South Dakota, relative to the sale of the Federal power marketing agencies and the elimination of the Rural Electrification Administration. (Referred jointly to Committees on Agriculture and Interior and Insular Affairs.)

Memorial 349—April 29, 1986; A memorial of the Senate of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, relative to the sales tax provision of the Federal Food Security Act of 1985.

Memorial 360—May 5, 1986; A memorial of the Legislature of the State of Montana, relative to aid to agricultural borrowers and lenders. (Referred jointly to Committees on Agriculture and Small Business.)

Memorial 365—May 7, 1986; A memorial of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia, relative to budgeting methods for determining food stamp eligibility.

Memorial 373—May 14, 1986; A memorial of the Senate of the State of Hawaii, relative to the Cooperative Extension Service Programs of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Petition 361—May 22, 1986; Petition of Executive Committee, National Association of Secretaries of State, Lexington, Kentucky, relative to Section 1324 of the Food Security Act of 1985.

Memorial 384—May 22, 1986; A memorial of the Senate of the State of California, relative to the dairy herd buy-out program.

Memorial 385—May 22, 1986; A memorial of the Legislature of the State of Oklahoma, relative to methods of supporting the Meat Inspection Program.

Memorial 395—June 3, 1986; A memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Hawaii, relative to the Department of Agriculture and the Cooperative State Research Service's efforts to develop the marine shrimp industry. (Referred jointly to Committees on Agriculture and Merchant Marine and Fisheries.)

Memorial 412—June 23, 1986; A memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, relative to Federal funding for the Cooperative Extension Service Programs.

Memorial 413—June 26, 1986; A memorial of the Legislature of the State of California, relative to the dairy herd buy-out program and the Mediterranean fruit fly.

Memorial 423—July 15, 1986; A memorial of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana, relative to food stamps.

Memorial 479—October 1, 1986; A memorial of the Legislature of the State of California, relative to timber harvests on National Forest lands. (Referred jointly to Committees on Interior and Insular Affairs and Agriculture.)

Memorial 480—October 1, 1986; A memorial of the Legislature of the State of California, relative to legislative actions that would reduce National Forest revenues due States. (Referred jointly to Committees on Agriculture and Interior and Insular Affairs.)

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